Kadokawa Beans
HIT WORK!!
Mystery and uproar in the royal palace... Start of the long-awaited adaptation!!
THE STRONGEST KNIGHT ALBERT
AND A SHUT-IN PRINCESS CHARLOTTE
WHAT IS THE DESTINY THAT AWAITS THIS PAIR!?
Obito no Hime to Kubinashi Kishi
首の姫と首なし騎士
ビーンズ文庫最新刊
「首の姫と首なし騎士」
「華麗なる背信者」
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「ビーンズ文庫刊」
作画
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Aozaki Ritsu
応援よろしくお願いします!
キャラクター原案
田倉トヲル
Tagura Toworu

He was standing there...
amongst the lurid corpses
With one blow, he decapitates his prey. Because of this splendid battle style,
People call him...
"Fearful"

"The Headless Knight"
Formont Kingdom

...WHAT A SURPRISE.
THE "SHUT-IN PRINCESS CHARLOTTE" WANTS TO GO OUTSIDE!
...WOULD YOU REALLY DO IT IF IT WASN'T RAINING?
...I'D LOVE TO CALM MY HEART WHILE RELAXING UNDER THE SUN.
...SARCASM REALLY IS YOUR PRIDE, ISN'T IT?
IT'S A FACT THAT YOU'RE AN INDOORS PERSON.
TWO MONTHS!
EVEN I WOULD YEARN FOR THE OUTDOORS AFTER BEING SECLUDED FOR TWO MONTHS AT HOME.

The Formont kingdom is a prosperous kingdom which my grandfather Joseph built after defeating other major powers.
However, after the founding king's death, no heir was to become king
The crown which they would inherit
possesses a strange power to control peoples' hearts.
Enough power to even control a nation
That power alone can undo a spell.
My "voice" ——
I've inherited this voice from my late grandfather and my mother...
My real father —— the Second King of Hendricks,
and his second brother, Clovis, were both seized by this power.
In the end, my father,
saw my voice only as a burden, and ordered my assassination

For the sake of building the kingdom, he wielded a sword together with my grandfather. He was what you could call a "hero".
My grandfather decided he will choose the next king.
A man has been appointed as my guard. The man is Albert Horseman, also known as "The Headless Knight." He has been entrusted the Crown by the founding king
After their plot came to light, they were taken into custody. In order for the kingdom to maintain its power, everything was kept secret, from both the citizens and the neighboring countries.
"Together with the crown, you shall stand next to the chosen king."
It became imperative that he should recognize me as the third king
Despite doing what was right, with the absence of a ruling king,
the situation inside the castle became strained.
From that point on, my days of peace were disrupted...
OI!
SFX: AH!

SFX: YANK
MFF...!
ARE YOU ALRIGHT!?
YEAH.
THE SILHOUETTE OF THE SHOOTER WAS COMPLETELY VISIBLE. IF WE INVESTIGATE, WE'LL FIND HIM IMMEDIATELY
THE SHOOTER WAS A SOLDIER.
AND ON TOP OF THAT——
SFX: LIF
AAH!
.. FOURTH TIME, HUH?
AND A MESSY TRICK, AT THAT.

SFX: CHARGE
WAIT! WHAT ARE...!?
DON'T MOVE!
LOOK AT YOUR RIGHT HAND!
This... From the arrow earlier...?
WE'RE GOING TO THE MEDIC
REFRAIN FROM MOVING AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE
WE DON'T KNOW "WHAT" WAS ON THAT ARROW
This is already the fourth time...
Is this also the crown's fault...? Or is it...

SFX: CLICK
Two months earlier...
ガチャ
BROTHER,
YOU CA
Rayford
My cute Lotty! I've been waiting!
HELPING WITH THE NATIONAL TREASURY?
...AH, THAT'S WITH THE FINANCIAL AFFAIRS?
THAT'S RIGHT! SINCE THE KING'S GONE THERE'S EVEN MORE BURDEN ON THE INSTITUTION
I WONDER IF I CAN HELP.
in this country for generation after generation the king took the initiative in maintaining the national treasury
Since that king is currently held in custody now, the entire responsibility fell onto my brother
I'D LEAVE THE ACCOUNTING OF THE CASTLE'S EXPENSES TO YOU
MASTER RAYFORD
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BUT DOUGLAS, YOU'RE ALREADY PUSHING YOURSELF TO THE LIMIT, HAVING TO MANAGE BOTH THE STEWARD POSITION AND LOOKING AFTER THE TREASURY, RIGHT?
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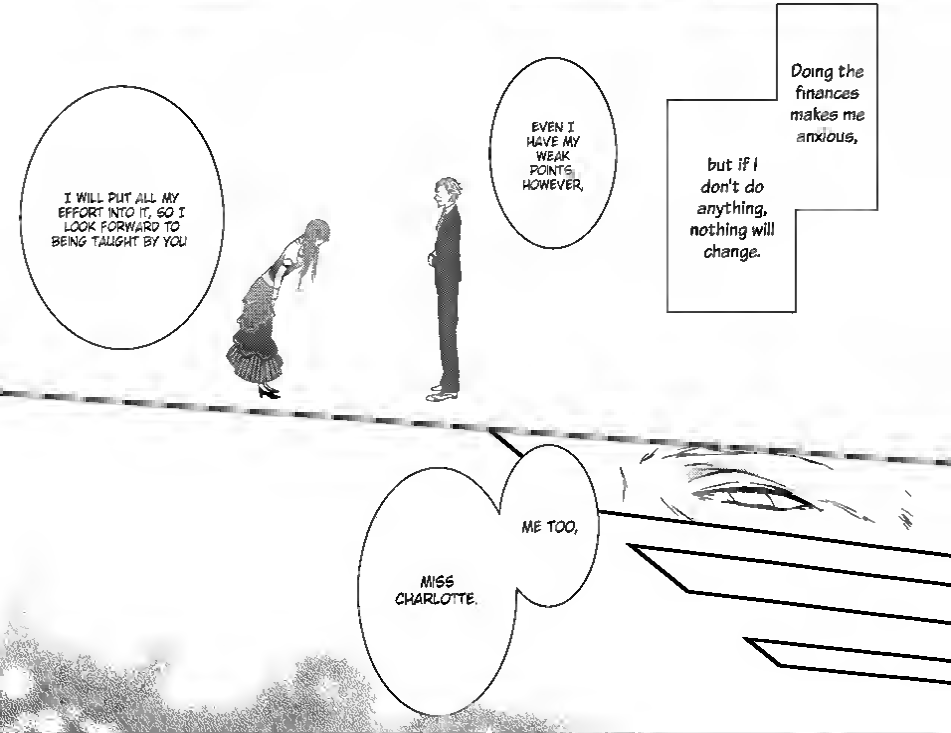
STILL, LEAVING SUCH A TASK TO A PRINCESS, MIGHT I-
SFX SIGH
NO !
I CAN DEFINITELY-
DOUGLAS...
ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY MY CUTE LOTTY IS NOT GOOD ENOUGH FOR THE JOB...?
SFX SQUEEZE
Any more than this, and Brother will also be at his limits...
Well
WE'VE GOT A LIMITED NUMBER OF PEOPLE, DIVIDING JOBS IS HARD ON EVERYONE
I MIGHT NOT BE AS EXPERIENCED

SFX KNOCK KNOCK
WE'RE IN A STATE OF EMERGENCY. THERE'S REASON TO BE WORRIED ABOUT THE OFFICIAL STANCE, RIGHT?
BUT...
RIGHT NOW, IF SOMETHING WERE TO HAPPEN TO YOU, THE CASTLE WOULD FALL.
DON'T OVERWORK YOURSELF!
OH? PERFECT TIMING...
COME IN.
SFX CLACK
FORGIVE MY INTRUSION
THIS IS COAL
SINCE THE FOUNDING OF THE COUNTRY, HE HAS BEEN IN CHARGE OF THE FINANCIAL AFFAIRS
UNTIL YOU OBTAIN ENOUGH EXPERIENCE, HE WILL GIVE ASSISTANCE
AN ASSISTANT...
WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH PEOPLE AS IS. I DON'T WANT TO BE A BOTHER...

I WOULD LOVE TO BORROW SOME OF YOUR STRENGTH, MISS CHARLOTTE.
This person...
is trying to make me feel less nervous...
THIS OLD MAN'S EYESIGHT HAS BEEN WEAK FOR QUITE A WHILE. I CAN'T READ LETTERS THAT WELL ANYMORE
THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO WORRY. IT'S JUST AN EXAGGERATED TITLE.
MISS CHARLOTTE,
SFX: GENTLE


Doing the finances makes me anxious,
but if I don't do anything, nothing will change.
EVEN I HAVE MY WEAK POINTS, HOWEVER,
I WILL PUT ALL MY EFFORT INTO IT, SO I LOOK FORWARD TO BEING TAUGHT BY YOU
ME TOO,
MISS CHARLOTTE.

It was a vivid-colored thing
called "the world."
Under Coal, I've started my lessons from the beginning.
I started my work in finances.
It was full of both peculiarities and hardships.
psschhhhh
The costs of kitchen ingredients, the sake produced in the castle, sheets to store meat, wheat transactions...
On one sheet of paper, I could see the lives of so many people.
For me, who stayed cooped up in my room until now,

SFX: DOONG DOONG
What happened to Coal...?
IT'S ALREADY THIS LATE!?
RAT TLE
reach
DO NOT OPEN THE DOOR.
ALBERT HO-
WHA...
WHAT WAS THAT SOUND?
UNTIL THE MAID'S BODY HAS BEEN DISPOSED OF, STAY WHERE YOU ARE.
Eh...
SFX: SILENCE

SFX: CLACK
IT'S ALRIGHT NOW
Why is there a body...!?
SFX: BA-THUMP BA-THUMP
thump
No, calm down, Charlotte.
WHAT HAPPENED HERE?
First, you have to understand the situation
smirk
HAVE YOU CONSIDERED THAT MAYBE "THE HEADLESS KNIGHT" WAS KILLING TIME?
MISTRESS
THIS IS GETTING DISGUSTING
SFX: ANNOYED

IT WAS NOT YOUR VIOLENT ACT
I DON'T THINK YOU WOULD KILL A MAID WITHOUT PURPOSE
FURTHER-MORE
THERE'S FAR TOO LITTLE BLOOD FOR THIS TO BE THE WORK OF "THE HEADLESS KNIGHT"
IT WAS A SUICIDE
smirk
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT
GO TO YOUR BROTHER'S, I'LL EXPLAIN THERE

SFX CLICK
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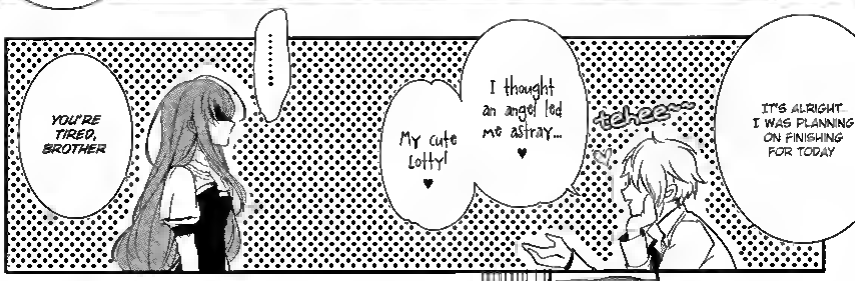
KNOCK, KNOCK
COME IN
I'LL MAKE IT QUICK... ARE YOU BUSY?
I APOLOGIZE FOR COMING SO LATE...
LOTTY?


IT'S ALRIGHT I WAS PLANNING ON FINISHING FOR TODAY
tsk tsk~~
I thought an angel led me astray... ♥
My cute Lotty! ♥
……
YOU'RE TIRED, BROTHER

SFX CLATTER
ガタッ
HMM...
HE SAID IT WOULD BE BETTER IF I HEARD IT WITH YOU
IT'S NOT ME IT'S HIM WHO'S DOING THE TALKING
SO,
WHAT DID YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT?

SFX CLENCH
ACK!
TUG!
SO YOU'RE THE SPEAKER. YOU CAN TALK FREELY
YES, CHARLOTTE AND I WILL LISTEN
SFX PUFF
annoyed
.....
JUST NOW
THE MAID THAT ENTERED THE ARCHIVE
HAD A HIDDEN KNIFE
HER OBJECTIVE WAS YOUR ASSASSINATION.
MISTRESS

What could they gain from...
Why me?
?
Huuuh!?
AH!
...THE CROWN.
?

IF THAT INFORMATION SPREADS THEN
hmmm
LEAKED OUT TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES...?
hmmm
THE FACT THAT I'VE GOT THE CROWN

ALTHOUGH WE APPEAR TO BE IN A BAD SHAPE NOT MUCH INFORMATION HAS SPREAD.
THE KING AND CLOVIS HAVE BEEN HELD IN CUSTODY FOR ONLY TWO MONTHS
It might lead to a struggle...!!
CALM DOWN, CHARLOTTE
THIS TIME,
THE PROBABILITY THAT SOMEONE WAS SENT BY A FOREIGN COUNTRY IS REALLY SMALL

SFX PAT
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE INSOLENT MAID WHO TRIED TO KILL MY LOTTY?
SO?
THESE WERE NOT THE ACTIONS OF A FOREIGN COUNTRY. IT WAS TOO QUICK.
YOU DIDN'T JUST CUT HER HEAD OFF, DID YOU?
"THE HEADLESS KNIGHT."
HMPH.
I DIDN'T DO IT
THE MAID
KILLED HERSELF.
GRRR..
HMM... THAT'S A RARE FAILURE FOR YOU.
THIS IS URGENT. SEARCH THE MAID'S ROOM.
YES! UNDER-STOOD
SFX CLATTER
NOW THEN...
WELL, IT'S FINE. SEARCH THE MAID'S ROOM.
YOU WERE GRANDFATHER'S RIGHT ARM, SO YOU MUST KNOW IT, RIGHT?
NOW THAT IT'S JUST THE THREE OF US
THERE IS ONE THING I WANT TO ASK YOU

"The King's Eye".
There's a common rule across the land.
EYE...!
THE KING'S...
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Outrageous taxes, unjust trials, bribes, the provinces neglected their problems, and were ill to the country's bad situation.
People related to the ruling family are forbidden from entering provinces.
In order to observe every province and quickly receive information, the king created a secret organization.
The feudal lords made an agreement to avoid the king's trespassing, but they abused this throughout the land. The lords hide a vast number of unscrupulous deeds.
The patrol division.
"The King's Eye"
These men are real..?
IT'S UNFORTUNATE, BUT I DON'T KNOW.

OI!
YOU'RE NOT THE KING. HOW DO YOU KNOW?
OH WELL. THE THREE THINGS I ALREADY KNOW ARE ENOUGH MILITARY LEVERAGE
I SEE YOU HAVE NO INTENTION OF TELLING ME, DO YOU?
I WONDER?
YOU'RE NOT THE KING EITHER— DON'T WE HAVE THE SAME REASON FOR KNOWING?
SFX: SMILE
SFX: PISSED OFF
BROTHER, YOU'RE REALLY IMMATURE...
SFX: SHINE!
squeeze
NO, I HAVEN'T
THAT'S NO GOOD.
YOU JUST FINISHED WORKING. SO YOU HAVEN'T EATEN YET, HAVE YOU?
ALRIGHT!
NOW THAT THE WORK IS DONE...TIME FOR SUPPER!
KISS
IF MY CUTE LOTTY WERE TO FAINT, WORK WOULD BE OUT OF THE QUESTION FOR ME.
EH?
NOW!?
HAHA.
YOU SHOULD EAT PROPERLY, OKAY?

SX STILETTO
Well... Brother who doesn't have the disposition of a king
knows about the members of the "King's Eye", but...
WHEN IT COMES TO ME, BROTHER CAN'T SEEM TO SEE ANYTHING ELSE
This atmosphere is terrible...!!
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His faults are few, so If they were corrected..
He'd be an adequate king.
SFX: CLACK
ガチャ
OH, NO...
A HORRIBLE THING HAS HAPPENED
HI-HIS DISK SLIPPED!?
COAL'S
DISK SLIPPED.

I HEARD IT EARLIER FROM SOMEBODY AT COAL'S PLACE
GA-CHUNK
I BELIEVE... HE HAD BEEN A GUARD ONCE
HE GAVE THIS FOR YOU TO LOOK AFTER
fshoo
THIS IS...
IS HE OKAY?
HE SHOULDN'T GO TO WORK BUT IT'S NOT SERIOUS
SFX: DAZE
This key was handed down to successive treasurers for safekeeping.
It's not temporary anymore, I'm a manager.
IT'S A MESSAGE FROM COAL
"PLEASE BELIEVE IN YOURSELF "
Is it really okay...?
smile

Because it's you, I can entrust this.
Coal depends on me, that's why he gave this to me.
I-
I WILL DO MY BEST!
I CAN'T BE WEAK
That's why with all my strength...
I'M SHOOKED
A REBELLIOUS GIRL LIKE YOU CAN SAY SOMETHING AS STRAIGHT-FORWARD AS THAT
And then as time passed...
THERE'S GOING TO BE HEAVY RAIN TOMORROW

SFX: AAAAH!
MISS CHARLOTTE, YOUR HEAD!!
YOUR HEAD...!
IT'S NOT HER HEAD SO MUCH AS HER "HAND"
PLEASE CALL THE MEDIC
WHAT'S GOING ON!?
MISS CHAR-LOTTE?
AH! AND YOU'RE-!
MARIA
IS YOUR HEAD ALRIGHT?
MY HEAD IS FINE SO COULD YOU JUST CALL A DOCTOR FOR ME, PLEASE...?
I SEE... IT WAS A POISONED ARROW
!?
I FEAR THAT IT MIGHT'VE BEEN A POISONED ARROW USED IN HUNTING
?
ARE YOU ALRIGHT MISS CHAR-LOTTE?

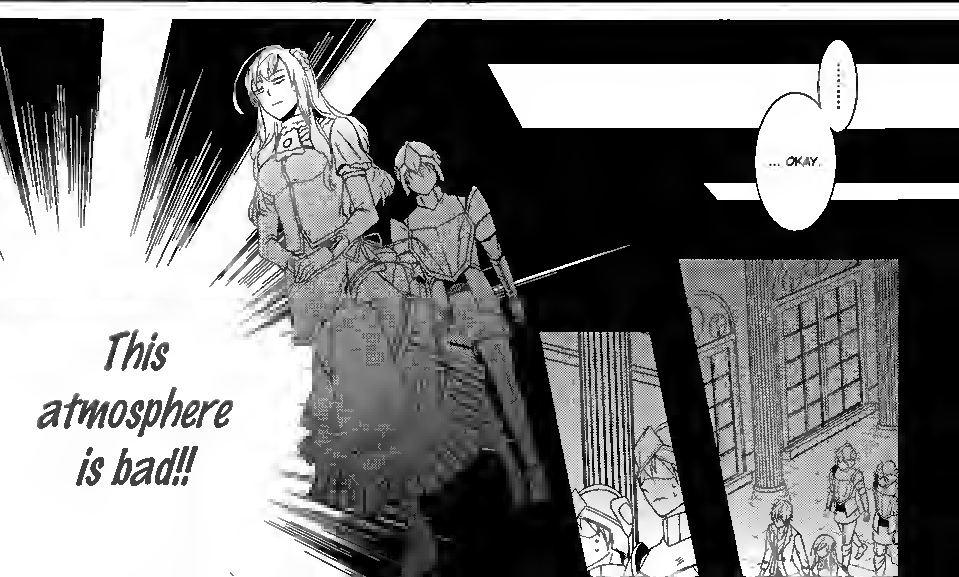
SFX: SLAM
CHAR-LOTTE!!
SINCE IT WAS A HUNTING-SPECIFIC TASK, THE DETAILS ARE DIFFICULT, RIGHT?
IT MUST BE NEXT TO IMPOS-SIBLE
THAT OR...
THANKFULLY, THE ARROW ONLY GRAZED THE SKIN.
THE HUNTING POISON GOT INTO HER WOUND AND EFFECTS STAR-TED TO SHOW.
WELL, IF IT'S TREATED PROP-ERLY IT WON'T EVEN LEAVE A SCAR.
IS THAT SO.

This is really... next to impossible...
PLEASE CALM MASTER RAYFORD DOWN
Hmm
IT'S PROBABLY THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR TARGETING CHARLOTTE.
...THERE'S A SOLDIER UNAC-COUNTED FOR?

FRIENDS OF THE ESCAPEE SAY "HIS APPEARANCE DIDN'T CHANGE."
YEAH...
BUT THERE'S A BIG CHANCE NOTHING WILL BE FOUND
AND HIS ROOM? ARE YOU SEARCHING IT?
THEY ENDED UP SUPPORTING HIM, SAYING "HE WAS A REALLY EARNEST MAN."
THAT'S RIGHT...
IT'S REALLY TROUBLESOME...
Grrr...
BRO-BROTHER!
YES... TO SOIL HER WHITE SKIN...!
THE PUNISHMENT FOR HURTING MY CUTE LOTTY SHOULD BE DEATH!
HEY, DOCTOR! YOU HAVE A SERIOUSLY ILL PATIENT WAITING.
AND ON TOP OF THAT, AN EXTRAORDINARY ONE
IT'S A CAPITAL CRIME.
ALBERT...
?

SORRY, I SHOULD'VE SAID THIS EARLIER
THANK YOU FOR PROTECTING CHARLOTTE
IS HE BEING SHY?
turn
JUMP
OH, YEAH.
I WAS THINKING FROM TOMORROW ON, I'M GOING TO ENTRUST THE DELIVERY OF FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS TO A MAID
WHAT!?
Every day, the weight of the delivered documents
seemed to grow like myself. I enjoyed it...
...AH
WAIT A MINUTE!
HABITUAL ACTION IS USUALLY THE EASIEST TO TARGET
WITH THAT SAID, WE CAN'T HAVE THE JOB UNATTENDED.
THAT'S WHY WE NEED TO SPLIT THE DANGER UP AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.
THAT'S... RIGHT
HMM...
AH!
MEETING WITH THE HEADLESS KNIGHT EVERY DAY WOULD MAKE THEM FAINT!
IF A MAID OR ANYBODY RECEIVED IT...

I DIDN'T EVEN SAY ANYTHING YET...
GLINT
YOU WILL-
I REFUSE.
I GET IT... IT CAN'T BE HELPED SUIT YOURSELF!
sigh...
RATTLE
OKAY... FOR NOW RETURN TO YOUR ROOM.
I DON'T WANT TO SEE WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF THE ARROW DIDN'T JUST GRAZE YOU
NO MATTER WHAT, DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT RETURNING TO WORK NOW OKAY?
SFX: GRIN


... OKAY.
This atmosphere is bad!!

I could have died.
That headless knight is so blood-thirsty...!!
...HEY, IT'S A SELFISH THING TO SAY, BUT
WHAT IS IT?
SINCERELY THROWING YOUR LIFE AWAY FOR YOUR MASTER, DYING FOR LOYALTY!
FOLLOWING THE NARCISSISTIC PATH OF CHIVALRY PLEASE DON'T DO ALL OF THAT...
I can remember the soldier perfectly
That time.
if the trajectory was slightly different...
If I got injured...
I CAN'T... BE GRATEFUL FOR THAT!

CHIVALRY?
When somebody's laying their heart out!
He's laughing!?
KHI
HA HA!
THAT'S NOT SOMETHING I HAVE
It's use-less.
HMPH.
THAT'S NOT SOMETHING YOU DECLARE SO CASUALLY...
He doesn't realize he's continuously showing his thirst for blood.
ALRIGHT I'LL LET YOU KEEP THAT FREEDOM OF YOURS
I DIDN'T SAY THAT THOUGH
STOP LAUGH-ING!
hahaha
THE NECK... IS..... -ECK... IS...

SFX JITTER JITTER
MISS-
MISS CHARLOTTE!?
SFX JOLT
CALM DOWN
YOUR NECK IS FINE PATRICK.
SFX SHAKE SHAKE
NOT AT ALL! I VOLUNTEERED
SORRY, RAYFORD MUST'VE ASKED YOU AGAINST YOUR WILL, RIGHT?
SFX FREEZE
TODAY'S LUNCH IS...
HE'S ALSO COMING, THOUGH.
EEH... IF IT'S O-
THAT'S ALRIGHT! GOODBYE THEN!
SFX SLAM
YOU KNOW THERE'S ONLY ONE HEADLESS KNIGHT
ONE OR TWO HEADLESS KNIGHTS ARE NOTHING!
IT'S FOR YOUR SAFETY, MISS CHARLOTTE!
SHINE
SFX GENTLE
THAT'S RIGHT!
HONESTLY, THANK YOU
EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANYBODY
SFX BLUUUSH
BEFORE YOU GO REPORT, WOULD YOU LIKE TO EAT LUNCH TOGETHER?

SFX: THUMP
SFX: CLACK
OI!
TELL THAT CLERK TOMORROW.
I can't tell him... You're regarded as the most dangerous one.
I GET IT...
I'LL TELL HIM.
He rushed out.
HE SHOULD CONFIRM YOUR SAFETY WHEN YOU LEAVE YOUR ROOM.
FLOP
SFX: SLUMP
I'M SO TIRED...
At present, the leader is unknown
Because of that fourth attack, I'm maintaining a strange stillness.

SFX SLAM
SFX CLATTER
SFX THUD
SFX AH!
UMM, I HAVEN'T DONE THIS, THIS IS-
NO!
I FORGOT THE TIME AGAIN!
IT'S LIKE A CALM BEFORE THE TEMPEST...
SFX STAGGER
AH!
I'll do it in my room...
SFX CHARGE
OH NO

WHAT IS THAT PILE?
.. I HAVEN'T FINISHED

gulp
HOW CAN YOU WALK, CARRYING ALL THAT...?
SFX LIFT
YOU'RE AN IDIOT
ひょい
SFX GRIND
HURRY UP AND LOCK UP
WHAT IS IT?
With "with one hand" on top of "that carrying it under his arm"...
SFX CLACK
mutter
.....MY HAND IS HEALING. BUT I DON'T APPRECIATE THIS SITUATION, DOCTOR.
EXACTLY.
IT'S A BAD EXAMPLE REMEMBER IT.
Is that sarcasm?
THANK YOU. IT'S FINE NOW. WOULD YOU MIND PUTTING THAT ON TOP?
turn
!!
IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY. I'LL CARRY IT TO YOUR ROOM.
I don't know... if he's kind.
What a strange person...
No matter what road he's on, he's still the man who decapitates people.

These are documents from before he became a general...
This means...
IS GRANDFATHER'S WRITING...
THIS...
HM?
AND... THIS IS?
LAST YEAR WE HAD POOR CROPS, SO A JUTE BAG COST 40 FINIS NOW
I'm getting mad
A jute bag of wheat flour for 10 Finis! That's ridiculously cheap!!
I'm so jealous!!
...!
What!?
Did Joseph Formont become allies even with the goddess of harvest!!?
This was also written in grandfather's writing. A bag of wheat for 20 Finis!

IT WAS THREE TIMES AS CHEAP DURING GRANDFATHER'S TIME
lift
THIS YEARS' WHEAT IS 30 FINIS HUH ?
Umm
THIS ISN'T GRANDFATHER'S
The year grandfather died...
And the following year is...
THE HARVEST WAS ABUNDANT THAT YEAR
JOSEPH FORMONT BROUGHT GOOD HARVEST FOR US WHEN HE WENT TO HEAVEN
I WONDER WHO TOOK OVER HERE
BUT THE DOCUMENT SAYS IT S THE YEAR GRANDFATHER DIED
Hmmm
Is my memory wrong?
But there's nothing written about that in the document
OR WAS IT REALLY GOOD QUALITY?
I'd say it should be about—
HUH?
30 Finnis...?
Something's...
strange.

THE QUALITY AND MARKET PRICE OF WHEAT FLOUR?
THE QUALITY'S BEEN CONSTANT FOR A WHILE NOW, I THINK, BUT
WHEAT FLOUR'S MARKET PRICE IS...
AROUND 30 FINIS I THINK
I THOUGHT THE QUALITY MIGHT'VE CHANGED FOR THE BETTER, BUT
IS SOMEBODY CHANGING IT?
THANK YOU
I'LL USE IT AS REFERENCE
The price 2 years ago when my grandfather passed away was 30 Finis.
Right now, because of the bad crops, the constant market price for wheat flour is 30 Finis.
But according to recent reports, it's around 40 Finis.
Why is the price different?
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I have to investigate!!
SERIOUS MODE
AS A NATIONAL TREASURY OFFICIAL
The management belongs to the king, but the practical work is their division.
But who?
The government officials aren't likely
Slump
MY FACE LOOKS HORRIBLE FROM LACK OF SLEEP...
TOP OF THAT
YOU HAVE A NICE FACE.
Smirk
THANK YOU VERY MUCH
.....
YOUR SMILING FACE IS WONDERFUL TOO
Like an angel.

SFX SLAM
SIR KNIGHT!
WELL THEN, ENJOY YOUR LOOKOUT!
SFX OMINOUS
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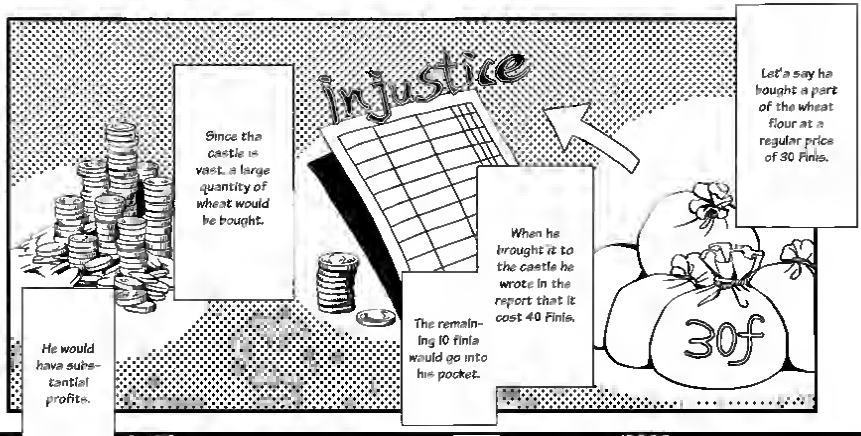
……
SFX ANNOYED
ムッカー
What a detestable man!!
What's that about a nice face!?
SFX SLAM
SFX FLIP
extole
NO! I HAVE TO KEEP A CALM HEAD RIGHT NOW
My eyes are red so much that I have shadows under them.

How much...
would the taxes fluctuate depending on whether the crops are good or bad...?
I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING DUBIOUS IN THE FOODSTUFF PURCHASE REPORT, EITHER...
There's no sudden decrease observed either...
Nor was there anything strange when I read the foodstuff purchase report...
A perfect document.
YEEEAAAH
BUT SOMETHING GOT CHEATED
sigh
There's no problem with the reports
It might be a wholesale store conspiracy fraud...
SFX CLATTER
"the price higher than in the marketplace and the collusion of the wholesale stores"
If that's the case, then the fool guilty of this injustice must be...
IS IT A USURPED NATIONAL TREASURY MEMBER...?
Among one of the stewards, if not, then I can narrow it down to one of their subordinates...


Injustice
Since the castle is vast, a large quantity of wheat would be bought.
He would have substantial profits.
The remaining 10 finis would go into his pocket.
When he brought it to the castle he wrote in the report that it cost 40 Finis.
Let's say he bought a part of the wheat flour at a regular price of 30 Finis.
30f
He'd have gained massive amounts of money on fraud.

SFX: WHAP
IT'S POSSIBLE IT'S NOT JUST WHEAT
OVER-LOOKED THE FRAUD...?
THE KING SHOULDN'T HAVE OVERLOOKED THE NATIONAL TREASURY OFFICIALS.
But,
What if-
HE INTENTIONALLY

SFX EXTINGUISHED
ENOUGH!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND! I DON'T GET THE KING'S REAL INTENTION AT ALL!
The king strayed from the path, but...
But father
And..
MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE KING'S SEAL IS THE FRAUD CRIMINAL!
CAN SOMETHING BE DONE ABOUT THIS DERAILMENT
SFX CLACK
was trying to protect the country
FWIP
Pant Pant
jitter jitter
OH?
PATRICK. WHAT BROUGHT YOU HERE?
I WANT TO TALK TO THE HEADLESS KNIGHT
AH...
UMM...

SFX BAM!
I'VE WITNESSED A SUSPICIOUS PERSON.
...HURRY UP AND SPEAK, YOU LITTLE PIP-SQUEAK!
SI-SINCE LAST TIME WAS DANGEROUS, I THOUGHT I SHOULD REPORT.
E-EXCUSE ME.
I'LL COME IN NOW (EVEN THOUGH I'M SCARED)
YES!
SFX PFFSSSHHH
PATRICK!!?
OI.
I WANT A DETAILED REPORT!
YE, ES.
SFX GRUMBLE
IT HURTS...
OUCH.

HE SEEMED LIKE A NOBLEMAN,
AND HE WAS ALONE...
Nobleman...?
I'M SORRY PATRICK... THAT PERSON DIDN'T APOLOGIZE...
THAT PERSON
NO...
IT'S ALRIGHT...
BY THE WAY, PATRICK, THAT SUSPICIOUS PERSON. WHAT WAS HE LIKE?
UMM...
If it's a nobleman, then he might be a guest. But he's alone, so—
WELL... I CAN CONTACT MY BROTHER OR CALL THE GUARDS
IF HE'S NOT A SUSPICIOUS PERSON, THEN AS A MEMBER OF THE ROYAL FAMILY I HAVE TO TREAT HIM ACCORDINGLY
AS A MEMBER OF THE ROYAL FAMILY
How annoying!
MISS CHARLOTTE, IT WAS HIM!
GASP
OH!
I'M STARTING TO THINK LIKE A SHUT-IN AGAIN!
AH!
OH NO...!
I'D PREFER HIM TO BE SUSPICIOUS

SFX WHOOSH
WHERE

What...
a bad aura——

WHO IS THE MAN THAT APPEARED BEFORE CHARLOTTE...!?
SFX SHUDDER
SFX SMILE
Is this the stranger...!?
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THEN WHY NOT RECRUIT SOME MORE?
WE'RE TRYING BUT IT DOESNT DO ANY GOOD WHEN NO ONE APPLIES
UH SIR? I'M SORRY, BUT WE'RE LOW ON STAFF
DAMMIT! WHERE ARE THOSE NEW CHAPTERS?!
ARE YOU FREAKING SERIOUS?
MANGA
FIST SLAM
WELL UH, YES ACTUALLY

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WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?
?
IT'S KIND OF CREEPING ME OUT
STARE
THIS GUY'S WEIRD STILL MAYBE I SHOULD VOLUNTEER AND HELP SPEED UP THEIR RELEASES

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smile
JUST... WHO ARE YOU...?
That chill just now.
What...?
SFX STEP
I APOLOGIZE FOR THIS SUDDEN AND RUDE INTRUSION
PRINCESS CHARLOTTE
IT'S AN HONOR TO MEET YOU.
SFX BOW
What!?
SFX BLUUUSH

首の姫と首なし騎士

THE ELMAR HOUSE
Ah!
...HAS HIS HIGHNESS NEVER MENTIONED ME?
I AM CECIL ELMAR, THE SON OF THE HEAD OF THE ELMAR HOUSE
Previously the king spoke of pursuing a marriage
between me and the Elmar house!!
?
I remember...!
HE'S SO HANDSOME
I thought after the king disappeared, they became undecided, but...
The Elmar house is full of wealthy merchants who brought commercial prosperity to the kingdom after the war.
THERE ARE RUMORS HE HAS TWENTY LOVERS
A RESOUNDING VOICE. OR SHOULD I SAY PHEROMONES.
From tha marriage, they would gain the status of noblemen. Even now, they control most of the country's trade.
O!
LET'S GO BACK

SFX: JOLT
THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND WORDS
Eh...
Oh no! I actually said it!!
XOBXX
This can't get any worse!!
WHAT?
turn
YOU'RE THINKING OUT LOUD
HUH?
Out loud...?
SFX: GRAB
Smile
Smile
What is this man!?
He brushed it off!! And so smoothly!
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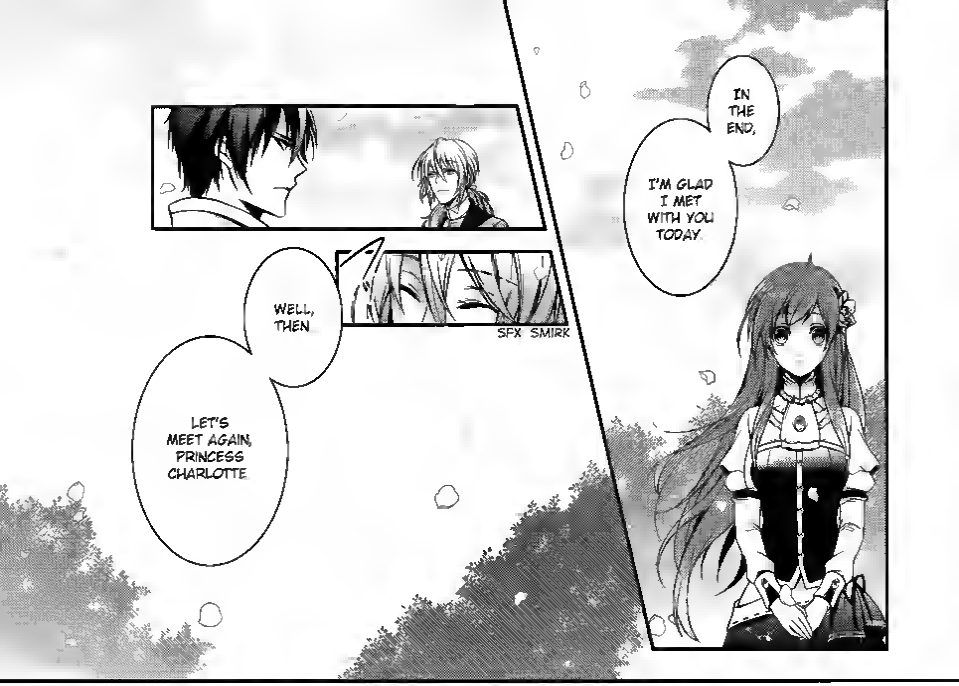
IT'S AN HONOR TO BE CONSIDERED CHARMING BY YOU
HOWEVER,
THEY'RE JUST RUMORS, SO PLEASE DON'T BELIEVE THEM.
.....
MISS CHAR-LOTTE!
WERE YOU HERE?
SFX: DASH

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?
CALLING MASTER CECIL WAS MY OWN DECISION.
I DON'T MEAN TO IMPOSE BUT.
MY APOLOGIES
SFX CRUNCH
IT'S BECAUSE I DIDN'T APPROVE OF IT
IT'S. .
WELL. .
SFX PANT PANT
WE- WELCOME BACK, MASTER RAYFORD.
fidget
BROTHER.
5
SFX GLARE
DOUGLAS, ARE YOU SAYING YOU WANT TO THROW AWAY YOUR POSITION AS STEWARD?
FLINCH
His eyes...! They're not moving!!
SFX TRRLMBLE

M-M-MY APOLOGIES!
BUT MASTER RAYFORD, THIS UNION...
I'VE ALREADY POLITELY REFUSED.
SINCE THE KING IS UNDER MEDICAL CARE THE NEGOTIATIONS HAVE RETURNED TO THE START
I'VE APOLOGIZED AND SHOWED THE NECESSARY COURTESY
WITH THIS, THE TALKS ARE OVER.
SFX: AH!
This is bad.
6
SFX: DASH
Since I know what he's capable of doing...!!
If we step on the pride of the Elmar house now,
The state of the country might be in jeopardy!!
CHARLOTTE...?
SFX: SWOOSH

SFX RADIANT SMILE
BROTHER!!
I...!
BROTHER AND DOUGLAS, YOU TWO PLEASE WAIT OVER THERE
THESE ARE MARRIAGE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN ME AND THE ELMAR HOUSE
SFX POINT
CLENCH
PLEASE... CALM DOWN
sigh
I'LL LEAVE THE REST TO YOU...
... I UNDERSTAND
YOU TRULY ARE...
LOVEABLE, PRINCESS CHARLOTTE

SFX: GLARE
He's using his death glare, too....!!
!!
Hurry up and conclude your business.
SHUT
OI!
If I let my tongue slip now, it'd be an explosion of anger...
I WAS ESPECIALLY AWED BY YOUR HURTFUL GREETINGS.
... YOU HAVE MY THANKS FOR HELPING ME JUST THEN.
AHAHA
Anger both brother and Albert...!?
How can this man...
IT SEEMS I MADE HIM HATE ME TOO
SFX: SMILE
...I SEE
SO I WOULD LIKE TO ASK... COULD WE PUT THE NEGOTIATIONS ON HOLD FOR THE TIME BEING?
THE KING'S ILLNESS HAS THE CASTLE IS IN A FLUSTERED STATE
HMM. IT'S AS BROTHER SAYS
He's definitely...
WEIRD ...!!
IN THAT CASE, I HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON


IN THE END,
I'M GLAD I MET WITH YOU TODAY.
SFX SMIRK
WELL, THEN
LET'S MEET AGAIN, PRINCESS CHARLOTTE

SFX SLAP
I'M REALLY SORRY...!!
AT PRESENT WE CANNOT ALLOW OURSELVES TO ANGER THE ELMAR HOUSE
AND YET I SAID SUCH AN OUTRAGEOUS THING...
What are you trying to say...
SFX GLOOOOM

SFX SIGH
ching
ARE YOU RELIEVED?
ふぁ…
THEN PLEASE STOP DOING SELFISH THINGS …
THE ONE WHO RECOMMENDED THE NEGOTIATIONS WAS THE KING WHO FELL ILL AFTER STARTING THEM.
I SEE, PUTTING IT ON HOLD?
ISN'T THAT A GOOD IDEA, CHARLOTTE!?
It seems they also thought that way
THAT'S ALMOST THE SAME AS REFUSING
WHAT THEY WANT IS THE INFLUENCE OF THE ROYAL FAMILY
I'M REALLY GLAD
I WOULDN'T GIVE MY CUTE LOTTY
TO SUCH A DISHONEST MAN, WHO REDUCES WOMEN TO TEARS
SFX GLANCE
…YOU TOO.
PLEASE DON'T SPREAD YOUR DARK KILLING AURA AROUND,
ALBERT HORSEMAN

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HOW WORTH-LESS.
IGNORE
THE DEFERMENT IS ENTIRELY FOR THE SAKE OF THE COUNTRY
. . PUTTING IT ON HOLD FOR NOW . .
DO YOU INTEND TO USE IT AS A BARGAINING TOOL?
THERE ARE... A FEW THINGS I WANT TO ATTEND TO WITH THE FINANCIAL AFFAIRS THAT CAME OUT.
I WANT TO CONTINUE WORKING
Instead of returning to the passive person I was,
It was the first time I felt like I was enjoying myself.
If the only thing I can do...
maybe I could change into somebody that I like...
If there is anything more I could do...
THEN...
CLANG
is to help by a political marriage...

AN "ACTING KING," RIGHT?
AN ACTING... KING?
sigh
.....
I DON'T HAVE ANY INTENTION OF GETTING MARRIED
IT'S NOT CERTAIN WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE FORMONT HOUSE FROM NOW ON.
DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
DO AS YOU LIKE
YAY!
WIN!!
SFX CLENCH
EEH.. THANK YOU
How wonderful. You let me see yourself doing something very You-like!
EVEN THOUGH WE NEED TO TEMPORARILY MANAGE THE CASTLE,
ON THIS OCCASION, I THINK THERE'S STILL ANOTHER WE NEED
EHEHE~

I WANT TO AVOID A CONFRONTATION WITH THE STEWARDS...

HOWEVER, THEY HAVE NEITHER THE EXPERIENCE NOR RELIABILITY

IN ORDER TO MANAGE THE ENTIRE CASTLE A PERSON WITH AN INFLUENTIAL VOICE NEEDS TO STAND ON TOP

OTHERWISE, THE SAME THING WILL HAPPEN AGAIN.

IS THERE ANYBODY WHO COULD DO IT?

THERE'S NOBODY IN THE CASTLE

SFX: GLINT

WHICH IS WHY...

I THINK WE SHOULD CALL HARVEY ROCHESTER.

!!

Harvey Rochester

When grandfather passed away, he left the castle.

He moved with his family, and should now be the feudal lord of the land he lives in—

In the days before the war, he aided grandfather, and after the war he became the king's representative and induced loyalty from him.

If Albert was the founding King's right arm, the Harvey Rochester was the left.

splosh
splosh
BUT...
FEUDAL LORDS RARELY GO AWAY FROM THEIR LAND RIGHT?
IT'S OKAY TEMPORARILY.
UNTIL THE NEXT KING IS DECIDED
I THINK...
IF I WAS TO HAND OVER THE CROWN TO ANYBODY, HARVEY WOULD BE SUITABLE
The crown... Gives the king not only wealth and political power,
but also the devilish power of deception.
OF COURSE THIS IS JUST A SUGGESTION.
IT'S QUITE POSSIBLE THAT IT WILL BE REFUSED
IF HE'S THE SAME AS IN THE OLD DAYS HE WON'T CARE FOR WEALTH AND POWER.
IT'S A PERSONAL OPINION, BUT
THE FINAL JUDGMENT SHOULD BE YOURS.
The future of this country... is entrusted to me.
The final decision...
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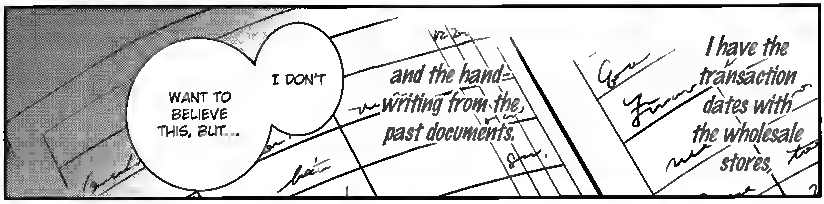
SFX BA-THUMP

flinch
IT'S POINTLESS.
THAT MAN WILL NEVER HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE ROYAL FAMILY AGAIN.
YOU SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT, TOO.
EVEN SO...
I'LL APOLOGIZE TO HIM,
WHOLEHEARTEDLY.
THERE'S NOBODY ELSE, BUT HIM...

SFX POOF
ぼふっ
My head hurts...
There's too many problems appearing one after another...
AAH, THIS IS TOO MUCH! NO MATTER HOW MANY BODIES I HAVE, IT WOULDN'T BE ENOUGH!
SFX FWAP
The selection of the king, assassination, fraud, a king who continued to overlook things, Cecil Elmar, Harvey Rochester...
And there's one more...
WHY IS HARVEY NEVER GOING TO HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE ROYAL FAMILY AGAIN?
WHAT'S THE APOLOGY ABOUT?
ARE YOU THERE?

SFX: PWAP
WHAT IS IT!!??
ONE WHICH YOUR BROTHER SHOULD TELL YOU.
UNTIL THEN, WAIT.
IT'S A HUSHED-UP STORY.
HUH?
NOW SHUT UP AND GO TO SLEEP QUICKLY.
Wha...!
WHAT WAS THAT...!!?
First, though, I have to throw myself into investigating the fraud.
AS I THOUGHT...
The result of the five days I spent thoroughly investigating it...
As usual, nobody explains anything around here...

The purchasing in the castle is done by stewards or their subordinates.
The criminal would naturally become wealthy
THAT.. THIS MEANS THE FRAUD WENT ON FOR A WHILE WITH JUST THIS USED OVER A LONG PERIOD OF TIME..
THE DECEPTION FOCUSES ON NECESSITIES WITHIN THE CASTLE
Compared to the reports from two years ago, the prices only increased..!
Wheat flour wasn't the only thing used in the scheme.


I DON'T WANT TO BELIEVE THIS, BUT...
and the hand-writing from the past documents.
I have the transaction dates with the wholesale stores,

OI!
AH!
How could he betray ...?
But... why would HE...?
HE...
The criminal...

A GUEST FROM ROCHESTER'S LAND CAME.
IT'S TIME TO GO TO THE DRAWING ROOM SOON
HARVEY CAME!?
I WONDER...
WHAT IS THAT MAN SCHEMING...
.....
BE PREPARED, YOUNG LADY.

THERE'S NO WAY THAT MAN WOULD APPEAR HERE WITHOUT REASON.
HE'S MOST PROBABLY PREPARING A TRAP.
Does this mean... I can't deal with him straightforwardly...?

AS ONE WOULD EXPECT,
THAT'S YOUR PERSPECTIVE ON GRANDFATHER'S LEFT HAND?
IT MAKES ME RELUCTANT
MISS CHARLOTTE CAME TO SEE YOU
YES, LET HER PASS.
SFX CREAK
BROTHER,
I HEARD SOMEONE HAS ARRIVED FROM ROCHESTER'S LAND
YOU HAVEN'T WRITTEN.
Eh... this voice...
MISTRESS.
YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED,

YES.
YOU SEEM TO BE IN GOOD SHAPE TOO,
LEON ROCHESTER.
His evaluation of me was that I was the bad younger child
His sermons were always horrible.
SIR KNIGHT...?
My natural enemy...!!
?
HE'S THE MAN WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF MY EDUCATION
WHY ARE YOU WITH THE MISTRESS...?
... AH...
.....

SFX HIDE SFX STARE SFX GRIN

Uwaah... His gaze hurts...
GUARD.?
I'M HER GUARD.
I APOLOGIZE FOR ASKING REPEATEDLY, BUT WHY ARE YOU,
. YES
IT'S BEEN A WHILE, SIR.
HMPH
SEEMS I WAS RIGHT IN THINKING THAT THE MAN WON'T BE MAKING HIS APPEARANCE?
twitch
EVERYONE...

WHY DON'T WE PROCEED TO THE MAIN QUESTION?
sigh
WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME, EITHER.
I forgot...!!
AREN'T YOU FORGETTING THE REAL ISSUE?
And forgetting about me too...

I WAS HOPING TO EXPLAIN THIS MATTER DIRECTLY TO HARVEY, IF POSSIBLE...
I'VE SEEN YOUR LETTER...
SO, THE KING HAS FALLEN ILL. HOW IS HE FEELING NOW?
BEING A BUSY MAN,
FATHER CAN'T AFFORD TO LEAVE OUR LAND.

WOULDN'T HE OBJECT TO THIS?
ABOUT THE MATTER OF THE SUBSTITUTE KING, I KNOW THE KING IS IN THE MIDDLE OF RECUPERATION, BUT...

What if...
Together, Harvey and Rochester were the king's proxies.
The king would object?
The Rochester house left the castle.
The Rochester house was driven out of the castle by the king...?
They didn't want to have anything to do with the royal family ever again.
And the apology, what's the meaning of that...?

I'M REALLY SORRY
WE DIDN'T STOP THE KING'S VIOLENCE
HE HAS DONE SOMETHING THAT CAN'T BE UNDONE
TWO YEARS AGO...
SFX: CLENCH
...which is why there's nothing left for me to say.
From the start, brother intended to apologize on his own.
TO THE ROCHESTER FAMILY, WHO HAD SERVED US FOR YEARS.
I'm...
always being protected...
YOU'RE AS IMPECCABLE AS EVER, PRINCE.

FATHER FEELS CONTENT IN HIS ROLE AS A FEUDAL LORD.
Smile
PLEASE, DON'T WORRY
SFX SIGH
It's understandable, but...
He doesn't feel like undertaking the role of a substitute king...
... I KNOW IT'S DIFFICULT
IT'S A FINISHED TOPIC
APOLOGIES ARE UNNECESSARY.
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TO BELIEVE WHAT I'M GOING TO SAY NOW,
BUT PLEASE DO
About the king who, bewitched by the power of the crown, ordered my assassination and is now in custody.
And about Albert who, now empowered by the will of the founding king, chose me as the current heir to the throne.
.....?
Brother said everything..

SFX: FED UP
He didn't believe one bit of it...
HARASSING A NEWCOMER?
WHAT KIND OF JOKE IS THIS?
SFX AHAHA
AND ABOUT CHARLOTTE...
ABOUT THE KING...
IT'S ALL TRUE
SO, SHOULD I BE SAYING, "YOUR HIGHNESS" NOW?
.....
IS TRUE
...WELL,
AT LEAST THE FACT THAT THE KNIGHT UNDERTOOK THE GUARDING OF THE PRINCESS
SFX JOLT
SO, MISTRESS.

FROM WHAT I HEARD OF THE STORY,
YOU DON'T SEEM LIKE YOU WANT TO INHERIT THE CROWN JUST YET.
.....
ME BEING A QUEEN WOULD BE A BAD JOKE. .
ALL OF THIS IS A JOKE,
YET I'M NOT LAUGHING
I HAVE ONE MORE QUESTION, THOUGH
YOU HAVING THE PRIVILEGE OF ELECTION IS SIMPLY DUE TO THE PROCESS OF ELIMINATION, NO?
CLINK
...YES
WELL THEN,
HAVING BEEN CHOSEN THROUGH ELIMINATION, YOU PLAN TO STEP DOWN AND GIVE UP THE CONTROL OF THE COUNTRY?
That's..
YOU...

Indeed, that's correct...
If I think I have what it takes to be queen, I'll come up with a solution.
But if I don't have that disposition...
I won't be able to find a solution for the rest of my life.
Hmph
WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT FLAPPING MOUTH OF YOURS?
ARE YOU DAFT OR SOMETHING?
WAIT
LET GO OF ME! I'M SERIOUS!
SI-SIR KNIGHT, WHAT ARE YOU
I, TOO
HAD A SAY IN THE PROCESS OF ELIMINATION.
NEVERTHELESS CHOOSING THE PRINCESS WAS NOT A COMPROMISE
SFX: PURPLE PUFFLE
SFX: TURN
SFX: GRAB

IF A WORTHLESS MAN GETS HIS HANDS ON THE OLD KING'S LEGACY,
I WILL BREAK HIM.
SFX TWITCH
SFX GRIT
. THEN,
SIR KNIGHT, YOU BELIEVE THAT THE MISTRESS...
Hm?
IS WORTHY OF THE CROWN?
MAYBE,
BUT I CAME ONLY TO SERVE ONE PERSON THE PRINCESS.
YOU, OF ALL PEOPLE, COULD YOU NOT HAVE MISTAKEN THIS LADY'S DISPOSITION?

SFX: CRACKLE
BROTHER, WHY WON'T YOU STOP THEM!?
Oh no...!! This atmosphere!!
So many hidden meanings!
At this rate,
Even under normal circumstances, Albert's mood has been bad recently
Leon's head might have to say goodbye to his body...!!
ALBERT HORSE-MAN, LET GO OF YOUR MISTRESS' HEAD.
AND LEON
SFX: STARTLE
WHEN YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING AT AN UNSUITABLE TIME, CLOSE YOUR LIPS, AND ONLY OPEN THEM AFTER YOU'VE SORTED EVERYTHING OUT IN YOUR HEAD.
THE ONE WHO TAUGHT ME THAT WAS YO-
MGPHF!
OK, let's stop here!
SFX: GRAB
ANY-WAY,
SFX: SWISH

SFX: WHISPER
LEON, YOUR LONG JOURNEY HAS MADE YOU TIRED, HASN'T IT?
IT'S ALRIGHT THOSE TWO HAVE ALREADY COOLED THEIR HEADS A LITTLE
YOUR HIGH-NESS... I...!
LEON,
AND YOU, ALBERT.
THE FOUR OF US...
NEED TIME TO REGAIN OUR COMPOSURE.

SFX: GLOOM
すーん...
.....
I can't make any progress in my job...
at all...

SFX MOUNTAIN
glance
SFX CLATTER
Well... it's not like it'll disappear...
FOR NOW, I CAN AT LEAST GO THROUGH THE ARCHIVES THAT ARE ALREADY OUT
Leon's remark
was right on the spot...
That's why...
I might escape into the unconscious...
I cling to this place I live in...
This place, entrusted solely to me.
from the weight of the crown...

HEY, ARE YOU THERE?
THANKS FOR PROTECTING ME BACK THEN.
..I
I WONDER IF YOU SHOULD'VE SAID IT.
I ONLY STATED THE FACTS.
I WASN'T PROTECTING YOU.
OH.. I THOUGHT THAT WAS THE CASE...
SFX: THUMP
SFX: THUMP...?
?
?
I'M NOT COVERING FOR YOU.
I JUST SELFISHLY SAID WHAT I FELT.
IF YOU WERE DOING SOMETHING WRONG, I WOULD'VE STOPPED YOU, EVEN IF I HAD TO BEHEAD YOU

THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO BE AFRAID OF CHOICE
AT LEAST I'LL STAY BY YOUR SIDE UNTIL THE VERY END.
DON'T RUN AWAY FROM THE CROWN.
WHAT'S WITH THAT.... I'VE TOLD YOU, I DON'T CARE ABOUT THE CROWN....
YES, EXACTLY YOU DON'T CARE!
WHY DID YOU CHOOSE ME...? WHAT IS IT THAT YOU SEE IN ME?
IT'S BECAUSE I WANTED TO SERVE YOU.
DO YOU NEED ANOTHER REASON?
It's not a matter of "need"...
IF YOU WANTED TO, YOU COULD TAKE ANYTHING YOURSELF.
YOU'RE SATISFIED WITH WHAT YOU'RE GIVEN.
WHAT ARE YOU.. YOU'RE JUST SAYING THAT
My merits?
That kind of thing...

If it was that easy to find.
THEN I WOULDN'T HAVE BECOME SUCH A CONTRADICTING PERSON...
Why?
Why?
Why!?
MISS.
YES!
SEX JOLT
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WHAT HAPPENED? YOU'VE BEEN DISTRESSED FOR A WHILE
IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE SCARY!!

It was surprising how he apologized for yesterday right after he came in...
SHOULD I PUT THESE ARCHIVES BACK AS WELL?
AH... YES.
They go over there
It's unbelievable...
that we came to do this job together...
SFX: SOII SOII

I SHOULD SAY YOU'RE STILL THE SAME, BUT...
OH... I'M GRADUALLY GETTING ANGRIER..
AND THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT HE'S THINKING OF OVERTHROWING THE COUNTRY...!
HE DEFINITELY WANTS TO INVESTIGATE MY PERSONAL HISTORY ...!!
Aah, but my stomach hurts!!

JUST WANT TO PROTECT THIS COUNTRY...
... I
I'VE SPOKEN OUT LOUD AGAIN...
YOU'VE GOTTEN WORSE IN THE PAST 2 YEARS, MISS.
SFX: JOLT

AS DO I.
I MAY HAVE BAD RESULTS, BUT I AM A MEMBER OF THE ROYAL FAMILY, AFTER ALL
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BY THE WAY, MISS...
I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT THIS FOR A WHILE NOW
WHY ARE YOU ONLY LOOKING AT THE PAST ACCOUNT BOOKS?
H-he's perceptive!!
UM..
YOU SEE, THIS IS...
SFX: SHOCK
I'M JUST STUDYING AT THE SAME TIME..
YOU'RE LYING, RIGHT?
SFX: BLOW
Ha ha...
SFX: UMM
HE SAW THROUGH IT... WHAT'S WITH THIS MAN?
Scary
SFX: SIGH
IT'S BECAUSE I'VE HAD A LOT OF TROUBLE WITH YOU
I KNOW WHEN YOU LIE, AT LEAST YOUR CHILDHOOD HABITS STAYED WITH YOU

swamp
It's impossible to hide it
I'VE DISCOVERED A FRAUD.
WHA-!
IS THAT TRUE ...!?
YES, BUT I CAN'T TELL YOU THE PERPETRATOR'S NAME.
I DON'T WANT YOU TO HAVE PREJUDICES WORKING HERE
IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, I DON'T WANT TO RECKLESSLY POINT A FINGER.
I DON'T HAVE PROOF OF THEIR INVOLVEMENT
ALSO..
DOES HIS HIGHNESS KNOW...?
IS IT .. BECAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE ENOUGH CONFIDENCE IN ME?
NO.

APPR-ENTICE BUTLER. →
APPRENTICE BUTLERS HAVE SHARP EARS, AFTER ALL.
HMPH
BUT TO REPORT THIS, I'D HAVE TO CLEAR THE ROOM AND SPEAK IN A WHISPER, RIGHT?
I DON'T REALLY MIND REPORTING THIS FRAUD TO BROTHER.
.....?
IS THAT THE MAIN REASON YOU WON'T REPORT THIS?
YOU CAN'T CONTROL WHAT PEOPLE SAY.
GOSSIPING IS NOT A GOOD HABIT.
RIGHT NOW, WE'RE TALKING IN A SECRET ROOM,
ALBERT IS GUARDING THE ENTRANCE,
AND YOU'RE DREADFULLY STUBBORN AT CONVERSING
YOU HAVE A CRUDE WAY OF SPEAKING, MISS
SHU..
SFX CLACK
HEY!
flap
SO,
UNTIL THE AFTERNOON DOCUMENTS COME, I'LL WORK ON THIS
I HAVE TO FIND PROOF AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND RECOVER THE MONEY, EVEN SO MUCH AS ONE COIN!

SFX: TURN
"HE"!?
YOU REFER TO MASTER RAYFORD AS "HE"!?
BROTHER?
grimace
HE'S CALLING YOU.
More importantly, why are you sulking ...?
GOT IT? IT'S, "HIS HIGHNESS".
SHUT YER TRAP.
YOU...!
THUD
THUD
SORRY FOR CALLING YOU SO SUDDENLY.
NO... IT'S FINE.
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
IT'S THE PLAN I WANT TO SEND TO HARVEY.
I WANT YOU TO READ IT FIRST, LEON.
SFX: SLIDE

IF YOU'VE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THE CONTENTS, I'D LIKE YOU TO DELIVER IT.
YOUR HIGHNESS...?
WHAT IS...
WHAT YOU SEE BEFORE YOU IS IN IT'S TRUEST FORM...
.....
I'LL LOOK AT IT, THEN
SFX RRIP
In this letter,
everything that has happened up until now is explained.
Nothing more, nothing less...
It's Brother's gamble.

HE'D LIKE THE THRONE EVEN LESS.
LE...
ON...?
YOUR HIGHNESS...
I WILL NOT DELIVER THIS LETTER.
FATHER WILL DEFINITELY NOT LET GO OF HIS LAND.
A RULER OF A COUNTRY HAS NO CHOICE BUT TO LOOK AT HIS PEOPLE AS HIS SUBJECTS.
BUT THE FOUNDING KING WAS DIFFERENT
THAT'S WHAT FATHER ALWAYS SAYS
HE LOVED THEM, PROTECTED THEM, AND BROUGHT THEM UP AS IF THEY WERE HIS OWN BLOOD.
RIGHT NOW, FATHER IS THE RULER OF ROCHESTER LAND.
HE PROTECTS HIS PEOPLE IN THE SAME WAY THE KING THAT HE LOVED AND RESPECTED DID!

SFX: SLAM
NOW, EXCUSE ME, I MUST RETURN TO MY WORK.
WAIT!
CHAR-LOTTE.
RIGHT NOW,
NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO, IT WILL HAVE THE OPPOSITE EFFECT.
reach
HAHA.
I GIVE UP... TO THINK IT WOULD COME TO THIS
Sigh
OOHOH.
SPENT ALL NIGHT WRITING THIS.
SFX: CRASH
If Harvey doesn't reject the crown from the bottom of his heart...
We were haughty!
IN THE END, IT WAS FATED TO END UP IN FLAMES.
YOU CAN'T GIVE UP.

SFX: BANG
……
WH-WHAT..?
An assassin!?
ALBERT, JUST NOW...
AAH!
AAH!
AAH!

DON'T COME ANY CLOSER!
THIS MAID'S EYES... ARE STRANGE...
SFX: BA-THUMP
No way... It shouldn't be possible.
EYES...?
WHY...!?
WH-...
Those eyes!!
SFX: DROP
That's the crown's curse!!
JUST WHAT HAPPENED TO THE MAID...!?
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Story Summary and Character Intraduction

首なし騎士に、王の命は大きく変わる

The Headless Knight decides the crown and a girl's fate changes without recognition.

ALBERT HORSEMAN

Also bearing the name, 'The Headless Knight', he is a knight of remarkable ability. He is currently Charlotte's guard. Before he swore allegiance only to the king, Charlotte is the only one who's supposed to be in possession of the Crown, so why...!?

CHARLOTTE

The protagonist. She loves books, is a shut-in princess, and is the youngest sibling. She'll usually say what she thinks.

RAYFORD

Charlotte's older brother. He has a huge sister complex! Above all, he is the excellent, flawless first prince of the Formont Kingdom.

Story

IN THE HEART OF THE CONTINENT, THE FERMONT COUNTRY, IN THE ABSENCE OF A KING, IS IN A STATE OF EMERGENCY. PRINCESS CHARLOTTE IS BUSY HELPING HER BROTHER, RAYFORD, IN GOVERNING. THE DAY SHE STARTED FEELING HER WORKS' WORTH, SHE FOUND OUT, IN THE FORMER KING'S ACCOUNTING BOOKS, THAT SOMEONE HAS BEEN USURPING THE NATIONAL TREASURY FOR SEVERAL YEARS. MOREOVER, A MAID ATTEMPTED TO KILL HER, BUT WITH THE BEST OF KNIGHTS, ALBERT HORSEMAN, TO GUARD HER, SHE SURVIVED WITHOUT PROBLEMS. HOWEVER, IT WAS ESTABLISHED THAT THE MAID WAS MANIPULATED BY THE CROWN'S CURSE.

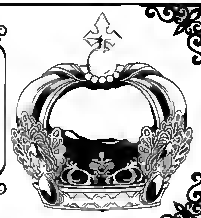
Keyword

FORMONT KINGDOM

An emerging country established by Charlotte's grandfather.

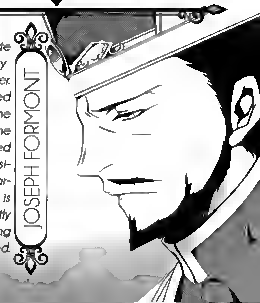
CROWN

The emblem of the king in the Formont Kingdom. It has a jewel with the power to control people's hearts engraved in it. With it's powers, it only answers to Charlotte's voice. Right now, it is in her possession.



JOSEPH FORMONT

Charlotte and Rayford's father. Possessed by the crown, he attempted to assassinate Charlotte. He is currently being confined.



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第3話
With the return of the Crown, where will fate take them...!?

IN THE END,
WE DIDN'T GET ANYTHING FROM THE MAID.

IF THAT'S THE CASE, THE PERPETRATORS OF ALL THE INCIDENTS UP UNTIL NOW—
WERE ALL BRAIN-WASHED...?
...HOW ANNOYING
YOU SAY IT'S ANNOYING, BUT
IF YOU, THE HEADLESS KNIGHT, KILLED A MAID AND BURIED HER SOMEWHERE IN THE CASTLE,
WHAT RUMOURS THAT WOULD CREATE?
RIGHT...
THE INSTANT SHE HEARD MY VOICE, THE CURSE WAS BROKEN.
My voice can control people's hearts, and in doing so, break the Crown's hypnosis.

HAS BEEN USING A JEWEL SIMILAR TO THE CROWN
TO MANIPULATE THE MAIDS.
HMPH.
I HAVEN'T BOTHERED MYSELF WITH ALL THE RUMORS ABOUT ME UP UNTIL NOW.
I REALIZE THAT.
.....
SFX: CLANG
. NEVERTHELESS,
THE LEADER OF THE ASSASSINS
THERE SHOULDN'T BE ANYMORE THAN THAT ONE
FOR NOW, ENTRUST THIS MATTER TO ME.
I shall leave the matter of the assassinations to Brother.
I have already decided that there's another thing I must attend.
THE FACT THAT SOMEBODY POSSESSES ANOTHER ONE IS WORRISOME
SFX: HMM
THIS...
AT LAST... I FOUND IT!

Just that: "Why." But...
When I understand this, I can expose every bit, one by one!
Finally!!
THIS IS WHERE THE FRAUD BEGAN!!
reach
The only thing that's left is the matter of why the king overlooked the fraud...
4
SFX: JOLT
SFX: FWAP
EEEK!!
CREEP
WHAT ARE YOU WANING LIKE THAT FOR?
Humph
YOU LEFT TOO MANY OPENINGS
D-DON'T SNEAK UP ON ME LIKE THAT!
SFX: STEP STEP STEP
ANYWAY, THERE'S A LOT OF GUARDS AROUND RIGHT NOW.
THERE SHOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM
NO REBUTTAL HOW BORING
blush
OPENINGS!? NO... MORE IMPORTANTLY, I HAVE TO REPORT TO BROTHER NOW! YOU CAN GO OUTSIDE, ALRIGHT?

His answer is different from usual. A lot of his feelings came out...
AT LEAST YOU'RE EXPRESSING YOURSELF FREELY, ONCE IN A WHILE
WHAT?
DID YOU SAY ANYTHING?
but...
I SAID, AT LEAST I DON'T HAVE A WEAK GUARD NOW AND WE CAN LIVE WITH EACH OTHER IN PEACE NOW
sigh...
YOU'RE USING ME AS YOUR CRITERION FOR PEACE?
What should I do...?
Even though I want to relax, I can't.
Not until I grasp it myself...
CHARLOTTE...
What's this talk of fraud...?

His whole self is emanating extreme anger...!!
E...EH...
I HAVE PROPER EVIDENCE...
UH-HUH
THAT MAN...
CERTAINLY THINKS LIGHTLY OF HIS BEHAVIOUR...
BRO-THER...?
tremble
tremble
IT'LL BE NICE GETTING THAT EMBEZZLER'S HEAD OFF HIS BODY TOMORROW
IT'S NOT A LAUGHING MATTER...!
SFX TURN
SFX SNIGGER SNIGGER
THAT'S A JOKE, OF COURSE.
I WON'T DO SOMETHING AS FOOLISH AS THAT.
THAT'S WHY,
SFX FLINCH
SFX GLARE
That...
That is definitely... a lie!!!
There's no need to worry.

I'll settle everything tomorrow.
I'm so exhausted...!!
Perhaps the reason the king overlooked the fraud...
has some relation to this...
The year my mother died.
Is that a coincidence?
I WONDER IF BROTHER WILL BE CALM AGAIN TOMORROW
WHO KNOWS...
JUMPING TO SWORDS AND SUCH ALL OF A SUDDEN HE'S SUCH AN IDIOT...
IF HE FEELS LIKE FIGHTING THE EMBEZZLER TOMORROW, THEN YOU SHOULD HURRY UP AND GO TO SLEEP.
The fraud started sixteen years ago...
I KNOW ALREADY...
SFX ZZZ

Soldiers...?
THEY'RE SO HURRIED...
IT'S NOT NORMAL.
SFX STEP STEP
BEEEEP!
!?
SFX JOLT
SFX FWAP
SFX CLATTER
SFX DASH
ALBERT...
I BEG YOU, ALBERT HORSEMAN!
WE NEED YOUR POWER!
Something happened!!!
!?

I'M A GUARD.
I CAN'T LEAVE MY MISTRESS' SIDE,
ESPECIALLY NOW.
YOU SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT TOO,
COMMANDER
Commander!? Why is the leader of all the soldiers...?
I UNDER-STAND THAT,
... BUT THIS IS AN EMERGENCY!
OGRES ARE APPROACHING THE CASTLE
SFX BANG
SO IT'S OGRES!!
SFX BA-THUMP BA-THUMP

AN OGRE... IT'S NOT A BATTLE OGRE, IS IT!?
THIS ISN'T THE TIME FOR THAT. REPORT!
YES!
...MISTRESS, HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO REPEAT MYSELF? YOU SHOULD REMAIN SOMEWHERE SAFE.
10
AFTER TWO OGRES APPEARED IN THE FOREST, THEY HEADED TOWARDS THE CASTLE.
AS OF NOW, I'VE DISPATCHED SOLDIERS TO THE FRONT AND THEY'RE FIGHTING THE OGRES BUT...
EVEN EXPERIENCED FIGHTERS HAVE LITTLE CHANCES FIGHTING OGRES.
THAT'S...!
If those monsters enter the city, then...
it would be a disaster!

The commander himself bowed before him. .
It's such a tense situation.
ALBERT HORSEMAN, PLEASE.
IT'S THIS WAY.
THAT IS SUCH UNFAIR BEHAVIOR, COMMANDER.
11
PLEASE STOP THIS CIRCUS ACT ! I KNOW YOU'RE JUST TRYING TO BUY THE LADY'S SYMPATHY
BEFORE NO ONE BUT YOUR MASTER?
YOU THOUGHT I DON'T KNOW THAT YOU BOW YOUR HEAD
WHAT ARE YOU TELLING THE COMMANDER !
DEAR, OH DEAR.
I SEE YOU HAVEN'T UNDERSTOOD AFTER ALL.
DO YOU DENY THIS?

WE NEED YOUR PERMISSION FOR THAT.
MY DEEPEST APOLOGIES... MISS CHARLOTTE.
WE'LL NEED HIM, NO MATTER WHAT.
HE'S THE KIND OF MAN WHO WOULD NEED A LEVER TO MOVE
UNLESS YOU KICK HIM.
12
So long as he's here protesting me,
he won't move.
I'M SHOCKED TO HEAR THIS DRAMA COMING FROM YOU, COMMANDER.
I see...
Albert Horseman is currently my guard.
!!
No... that's wrong. He can't move.

He knows, more than anybody,
ARE...
Those lives that are snatched away so quickly.
If, by any chance, he can't move because of me,
YOU SCARED?
then until I move myself...

SCARED...?
fwp
DO YOU KNOW WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF I LET MY SWORD SLIP?
MISTRESS.
THAT'S PRETTY PATHETIC,

THAT'S RIGHT. WITHOUT ANY FIGHTING SKILLS, YOU CAN'T RUN AWAY
YES MY HEAD CAN SAY "GOODBYE" TO MY BODY
YOU REALLY DON'T UNDER-STAND?
I'M AMAZED..
15
LET'S HEAR
WHAT YOU HAVE COME UP WITH
UNDER-STAND WHAT?
EVEN THOUGH YOU CAN THRUST AROUND A BLADE,
YOU DEFINITELY
I REFUSE
"IF YOU WANTED TO YOU COULD TAKE ANYTHING YOURSELF." THOSE WERE YOUR WORDS
CAN'T DRAW BACK THE SWORD

scratch
.....
YOU WILL RISK YOUR LIFE TO PROTECT THE CASTLE?
smirk
SFX: RANT (X2)
IF ANYBODY COMES, DON'T OPEN THE DOOR FOR THEM, EVEN IF IT'S THAT SISTER-COMPLEX BROTHER OF YOURS.
UNTIL I COME BACK, YOU WILL STAY IN YOUR ROOM,
LOCK THE DOOR, DON'T GO OUTSIDE AND DON'T GO NEAR WINDOWS
HUH?
WHAT A WONDERFUL ENDEAVOR, MISTRESS
SFX: RANT
SFX: BLANK
THERE WILL BE FIVE SOLDIERS INSIDE AND OUTSIDE YOUR ROOM. IF YOU SEND ANY NOVICES, I WILL ELIMINATE THEM ON THE SPOT.
I'LL COOPERATE
DON'T FORGET THE PERSON WHO WANTS YOU DEAD HAS A JEWEL ON PAR WITH THE CROWN.
glance
BUT I HAVE A CONDITION.
IF YOU FEEL LIKE ANYTHING'S WRONG, YOU WILL CALL OUT IMMEDIATELY.
sigh...
THAT'S ALL.
SO ATTENTIVE!!

I'M SORRY...
sigh...
REALLY... MY CHEST ACHES... MY LIFE-SPAN JUST SHORTENED...
WE'LL FOLLOW ALL THE INSTRUCTIONS
I WILL SEND TEN OF MY SKILLED MEN HERE.
WELL THEN, WE'LL BE GOING AHEAD.
PLEASE FOLLOW US AS SOON AS THE LOOKOUT SOLDIERS COME.
YES...
.....
ALBERT...
I'M SORRY... I'VE SENT YOU TO THE BATTLE-FIELD
WE COULD GO TO THE BATTLE TOGETHER AND PARALYZE THE OGRES WITHOUT BATTLE CRIES...
IF I HAD THE MEANS TO PROTECT MYSELF,
As always, I'm just all talk...
STEP
This kind of thing is a dream...
YOU REALLY ARE AN IDIOT.

WHAT NEED IS THERE FOR YOU TO APOLOGIZE?
FIGHTING IS MY DUTY.
BESIDES, YOU HAVE YOUR OWN ROLE.
YOU'VE SPOKEN REALLY SHARPLY.
My role...
THAT'S WHY I'M HERE.
WRESTLING THE ANSWER OUT OF ME SO QUICKLY.

EXCUSE ME! I CAME AS A GUARD, ON THE COMMANDER'S ORDERS!
IT SEEMS THAT THEY'VE COME
STAND
I'LL FACE THE OPPRESSORS AND PROMISE TO PROTECT YOU, MISTRESS.
YES...

Is he... waiting...?
For my reply...
If you wanted to, you could take anything yourself.
Who would be chosen as king...?

SFX: CLATTER
Leon...?
I CANNOT OPEN THE DOOR.
AND WHAT HAPPENED TO THE SOLDIERS OUTSIDE?
!!
...HEY!
I CAME ON FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.
hesitant
I WANT TO SEE MISS CHARLOTTE.
IT'S LEON ROCHESTER.
I CAME ON FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.
SFX: JOLT

SFX SNAP
What..? That chill just now..
And Leon never calls me "Miss Charlotte"
.....
IS THAT REALLY YOUR PURPOSE,
LEON ROCHESTER?
EH?
WH-WHAT WAS I DOING AT MISTRESS'...
GAH!
LEON!!
Brainwashing!?
PLEASE WAIT!
IT'S RECKLESS TO OPEN THE DOOR LIKE THIS!!
BUT!!
GUH!
This... voice.
AHAHA
PLEASE OPEN THE DOOR, MISS CHARLOTTE
IF NOT, LEON WILL DIE.
WHAT...!

Everything was done by this man.
AND
THE FRAUD...
...YOU CAN BRAINWASH THEM, WHICH MEANS
YOU'RE THE ONE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SERIES OF ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS.
At this rate, Leon's life will be in danger...
CORRECT. I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL OF IT
22
This man possesses a jewel with the same power as the crown.
WHAT DO YOU INTEND NOW?
TO KILL ME?
NO.
FOR EXAMPLE,
BY KILLING LEON.
DO YOU THINK I WILL JUST HAND OVER THE CROWN TO YOU?
EVEN IF I SENT YOU TO THE GRAVE IT WOULD ALREADY BE TOO LATE
I NEED YOUR CROWN
YOU THINK THERE'S NO WAY TO MAKE YOU?

SFX: GASP
Leon...!!
YOU MUSTN'T OPEN THE DOOR!
SFX: RUB
NOW. .
THE CHOICE IS YOURS
DON'T RESIST, MISS CHARLOTTE!
GAH!
YOU MUSTN'T HAND THE CROWN OVER TO THIS MAN!
SFX: CRASH
SFX: THUD
At this rate, Leon and everyone in the castle will be killed...!!
He's serious!
LEON!!
I will never let that happen!!
GUARD, OPEN THE DOOR, QUICKLY.
THAT IS MY, LADY CHARLOTTE'S,

Don't open the door, no matter who comes...

DOUGLAS.
OH DEAR... THOSE ARE HARSH WORDS.
I'VE CHANGED THE WAY I THINK ABOUT YOU.
YOU'RE TRULY DETESTABLE.
NOW THEN.
I left a letter describing the perpetrator...
UNFORTUNATELY, I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS
Now it's just...
GUIDE ME.
TO THE CROWN.
FLINCH
swish

SFX: SMASH
HEADLESS KNIGHT!
I'VE GOT A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS...
SFX: SST
Mistress...
OOH...
SO THIS IS...
THE CROWN.

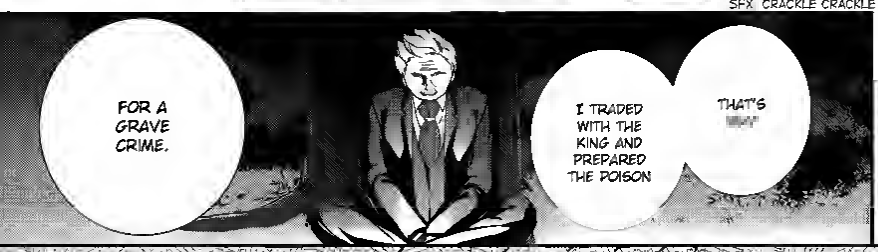
If I could use the crown's hypnotism and control Douglas...
NOW THEN, MISS CHARLOTTE, PLEASE HAND IT OVER.
YOU CAN'T USE IT WITH THAT VOICE OF YOURS
I could reverse this situation.
.....
YOU'RE THINKING FOOLISH THINGS, ARE YOU NOT?

There's nobody else, but me...!
I SEE.. THAT'S WHY YOU LET ME GUIDE YOU HERE
THEY CANCEL EACH OTHER OUT.
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS? YOUR VOICE LIFTS THE CONTROL.

STOP YOUR USELESS STRUGGLES. LET'S APPROACH IT TOGETHER, MISS CHARLOTTE!
The only weapon I've got is to become a trap...

YOU'D BETTER STAY QUIET, LIKE LEON
.....
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
IF YOU NEED PRISONERS THEN SHOULDN'T I BE ENOUGH?
YOU SURE ARE CUNNING AS EXPECTED FROM THE PERSON WHO KEPT UP THE SCAM FOR SIXTEEN YEARS.
MURDER, STEALING THE CROWN,
JUST WHAT EXACTLY IS YOUR GOAL?

EVEN THOUGH THE DISEASE WAS CURED, THE MEDICAL FEES WERE ENORMOUS
DO YOU WANT TO SAY THAT IT COULDN'T BE HELPED!!?
THAT'S WHY YOU COMMIT-TED THE CRIMES?
I JUST WANTED TO SAVE MY WIFE, WHO SUFFERED FROM A DISEASE
SFX: CRACKLE CRACKLE



Everything to protect

the one I love...

Traded with the king...

THE ONE WHO POISONED LADY RAYNER WAS ME

Mother?

SHUT UP!!
WHAT... DID YOU SAY...?
I RECEIVED A LOT OF MONEY FOR IT
THERE WAS NO OTHER WAY
SFX SNAP
SILENCE.
YOU B*STARD...!
IF IT'S ABOUT KILLING THEN DOESN'T YOUR FAVORITE PET HEADLESS KNIGHT DO THE SAME?
THAT MAN DOESN'T KILL OUT OF GREED.
NEVER PUT YOURSELF ON THE SAME LEVEL AS HIM.
SFX JOLT

WITH YOUR CRIME FROM SIXTEEN YEARS AGO AND THE FRAUD, YOU JUST WANTED TO BETTER YOURSELF
AND IT JUST LED YOU TO COMMITTING NEW CRIMES?
YOU HAVE NOT BEEN PUNISHED UNTIL NOW.
IF I WERE TO PUNISH YOU...
I DON'T THINK YOU'RE SANE
YOU'D HAVE THE CAPITAL PUNISHMENT AT LEAST ON A CRIMINAL'S LEVEL...
THE COUNTRY'S LEVEL...
... IT CAN'T BE!
SFX SNAP
YOU'VE BOUGHT IT.
THIS COUNTRY.
THAT'S RIGHT.
IN SOME TIME, THE DEVOTION WILL RUN OUT FOR THIS COUNTRY. FOR THE KING...
THEY COULDN'T EVEN HELP MY WIFE ALONE
SNAP
SNAP
THAT'S WHY I DID IT!
IN ORDER TO PROTECT WHAT I LOVE, I MUST BE WILLING TO DO ANYTHING!

It wasn't for the wife he loved...
..EVEN SO,
THAT IS NOT A REASON TO JUSTIFY COMMITTING CRIMES.
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND
EMBEZZELMENT ALONE IS NOT ENOUGH FOR THE DOCTOR'S FEES..
IN ORDER TO GET THE MONEY, I HAD TO ALSO DRAIN INTEL OUT TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES
THERE ARE REALLY DANGEROUS PEOPLE THERE...
IN THE END, I DID IT
WHEN MY WIFE FINALLY RECOVERED , THEY STILL WANTED
IT WASN'T JUST ME
THE INFORMATION FROM ME THEY WERE DREADFUL
ALL THE RELATIVES, TOO

WHEN I BROUGHT THE CROWN, THEY BEGGED FOR THEIR LIVES,
AND, LIKE A FLIP OF A COIN, THEY STARTED TO COOPERATE.
AND SUDDENLY WHEN I HAVE THE STONE IN MY HAND
THEY'RE SUCH A DECENT LOT
SO LONG AS MY FAMILY IS SAFE,
ALL ELSE DOESN'T MATTER
THAT'S WHY YOU'RE NOT ASHAMED.
THE LOVE OF YOUR FAMILY IS A WONDERFUL THING.
IF YOU WERE, THEN YOU'D JUST LEAVE IT.
NO MATTER WHERE YOU RUN,
YOU CANNOT ESCAPE JUDGMENT FROM THE DARK.
IS THAT SUPPOSED TO BE YOUR LOYAL KNIGHT?
OH? HE'S NOT HERE?
WITHOUT ANY CONTROL OR FREEDOM, HE WON'T LISTEN TO ANYBODY.
BECAUSE HE'S THE HEADLESS KNIGHT, YOU KNOW?

WHEN IT COMES TO IT, PLEASE LEAVE ME.
MISTRESS,
DON'T SPEAK SO LIGHTLY OF YOUR LIFE
YOU DON'T UNDER-STAND YOUR POSITION!
YOU'RE OF ROYAL BLOOD YOU OUGHT TO PRIORI-TIZE THE COUNTRY!
"I LOVE THE NATION AS IF THEY WERE MY OWN BLOOD."
ISN'T THAT IT?
The founding king's words...?

HE'LL COME AND SAVE US.
ALBERT WILL DEFINITELY...
FIND US.

YOU HAVE A ROLE TO FULFILL...
YOU MUSTN'T DIE HERE.
IT'S SURPRISING, ISN'T IT?
I CONSIDERED THAT YOU SHOULD LEAVE IT ALL TO YOUR BROTHER, BUT
THE INSTANT YOU DIE, HIS HIGHNESS WILL BECOME THE ONE PERSON WHO SHOULDN'T HAVE THE MOST POLITICAL POWER IN THE WORLD
I can't deny it...!
DON'T WORRY, I DON'T PLAN TO GET KILLED RIGHT UNDER YOUR NOSE
AND I DON'T HAVE ANY INTENTION OF DYING, EITHER.
It's OK. He'll save us.
... That's what I believe.
CLATTER

I'm grateful that we were untied, but...
WHERE IS THIS..?
THIS PLACE...
IT'S REALLY WORN DOWN ..
flomp
TOO BRIGHT!
NOW THEN,
PLEASE GET OFF.

There are two at the back as well?
SFX GASP
A person!?
MISTRESS, PLEASE STEP BACK!
We're surrounded...
EXILE ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED... WE CAN RECEIVE THE GOODS.
IF IT'S A HEAD, THEN YOU'LL PAY WITH YOUR LIFE.
WE'LL DELIVER IT TO OUR MASTER
raise
IT'S THIS PLEASE CONFIRM
SFX FLINCH
DOUGLAS, YOU BASTARD!
TAKE THE GIRL
I BELIEVE YOUR MASTER WILL HAVE SOME INTEREST IN HER.
THE HORSES ARE PREPARED AT THE BACK
SHOULD WE DISPOSE OF THE CART AND THOSE TWO?
SFX SNAP
KILL THE MAN.

LEON, RUN!
DON'T SPEAK FOOLISH-NESS
IF I RAN AWAY, I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO FORGIVE MYSELF
LEON!!
As it is, Leon will...
if I don't do anything...!
anything this instant...
NOW! DECAPITATE ALL OF THEM! HEADLESS KNIGHT!!
SHOCK
!!

SFX WHACK
MISTRESS!!
SFX QUICK
SFX RUN
We're escaping!
I'm not going to die just yet!
SFX: THUD

SFX: NGH
SFX: WHAM
WHAT A CRAFTY LITTLE ONE...!
IF YOU WANT TO DIE THAT BADLY,
SFX: WHOOSH
THEN DIE!
MISTRESS!!
To be Continued...
CHARLOTTE'S IN TROUBLE!!

THEN WHY NOT RECRUIT SOME MORE?
WE'RE TRYING BUT IT DOESNT DO ANY GOOD WHEN NO ONE APPLIES
UH SIR? I'M SORRY, BUT WE'RE LOW ON STAFF
DAMMIT! WHERE ARE THOSE NEW CHAPTERS?!
ARE YOU FREAKING SERIOUS?
MANGA
FIST SLAM
WELL UH, YES ACTUALLY

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WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?
?
IT'S KIND OF CREEPING ME OUT
STARE
THIS GUY'S WEIRD STILL MAYBE I SHOULD VOLUNTEER AND HELP SPEED UP THEIR RELEASES

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FINAL CHAPTER

A MOVING FINISH!!

Who will save Charlotte from trouble...?!

ビーンズ文庫最新刊
「首の姫と首なし騎士」
華麗なる背信者
好評発売中

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This man is clad in pitch black darkness.
He carries with him many a corpse,
and appears with a flash of crimson
HE CAME.
This man's name is...

T/N: The kanji read "The Headless Knight," but the reading is "Albert Horseman." I thought I'd go with his name because that's how Charlotte sees him.

SFX HISS
DAMMIT!!
NO... THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE.
IT'S THE HEADLESS KNIGHT...?
SFX INHALE
SLOW.
FAR TOO SLOW.
SFX WHOOSH

SFX SLASH
I'M YAWNING.
SFX THUD
SFX DASH
SFX QUICK
UWA AAA AAH!

STOP!
SFX THUD
PUT YOUR SWORD DOWN OBEDIENTLY,
OR I WILL KILL YOUR MASTER!
SFX WHOOSH
QUICKLY!!
DON'T SHOUT. LOOK, I'M THROWING IT
ALBERT
HAHA. YOU'RE WITHOUT A WEAPON NOW!
MIS-TRESS.
SFX CLANG

SFX: FLING
SFX: FINISH
GET DOWN.
SFX: GASP
SFX: STEP
DON'T MOVE,
IF YOU WANT TO KEEP YOUR HEAD INTACT.

ABOUT WHAT I TOLD YOU ABOUT BEHEADING...
I TAKE THAT BACK...
I WISH TO CAPTURE THEM ALL ALIVE.
MOVE AWAY, MISTRESS.
THERE WILL BE BLOOD..
SFX: GULP
I SAID EARLIER TO DISTRACT THEM.
IT WASN'T AN ORDER!
ALSO, I NEED TO INTERROGATE THEM
IF YOU JUST SIMPLY KILL THEM, IT'LL BECOME A PROBLEM LATER!
YOU'RE GOING TO CUT ME EITHER WAY!
... FIRST YOU SAY TO DECAPITATE, NOW TO CAPTURE...
HOW ANNOYING
SFX: THUD
SFX: KICK
GAH!
MOVE!
HEY! HOW LONG DO YOU INTEND TO STAND THERE?
... IF IT'S JUST ONE, THEN IT SHOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM.

LEON, YOU'RE OKAY!
YES, I'M ALRIGHT. MORE IMPORTANTLY...
MISTRESS!!
This is bad.. He's lost his cool.
DAM.
yank
DOUGLAS.
SFX: RUN
pant
DOUGLAS HAS ESCAPED!!
SFX: DASH
This isn't a joke!! We came here to capture him,
And now we're letting him escape!!?
WH
WHAT DID YOU SAY!?

SFX GLANCE
ちら
WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO CONCERN OURSELVES WITH THESE GUYS
DOUGLAS HAS THE CROWN AND HAS BEEN SELLING INFORMATION ABOUT THE CASTLE'S AFFAIRS!
HAVE YOU HEARD?
NO PROBLEM
IT SEEMS THERE WAS A SECRET ESCAPE ROUTE.
WE WERE TAKEN BY SURPRISE
HE ESCAPED
That sly old fox!!
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SFX RUMBLE
YOUR BROTHER WENT FROM THE OTHER SIDE
HE WILL NOT ESCAPE
BROTHER DID!?
SFX JOLT
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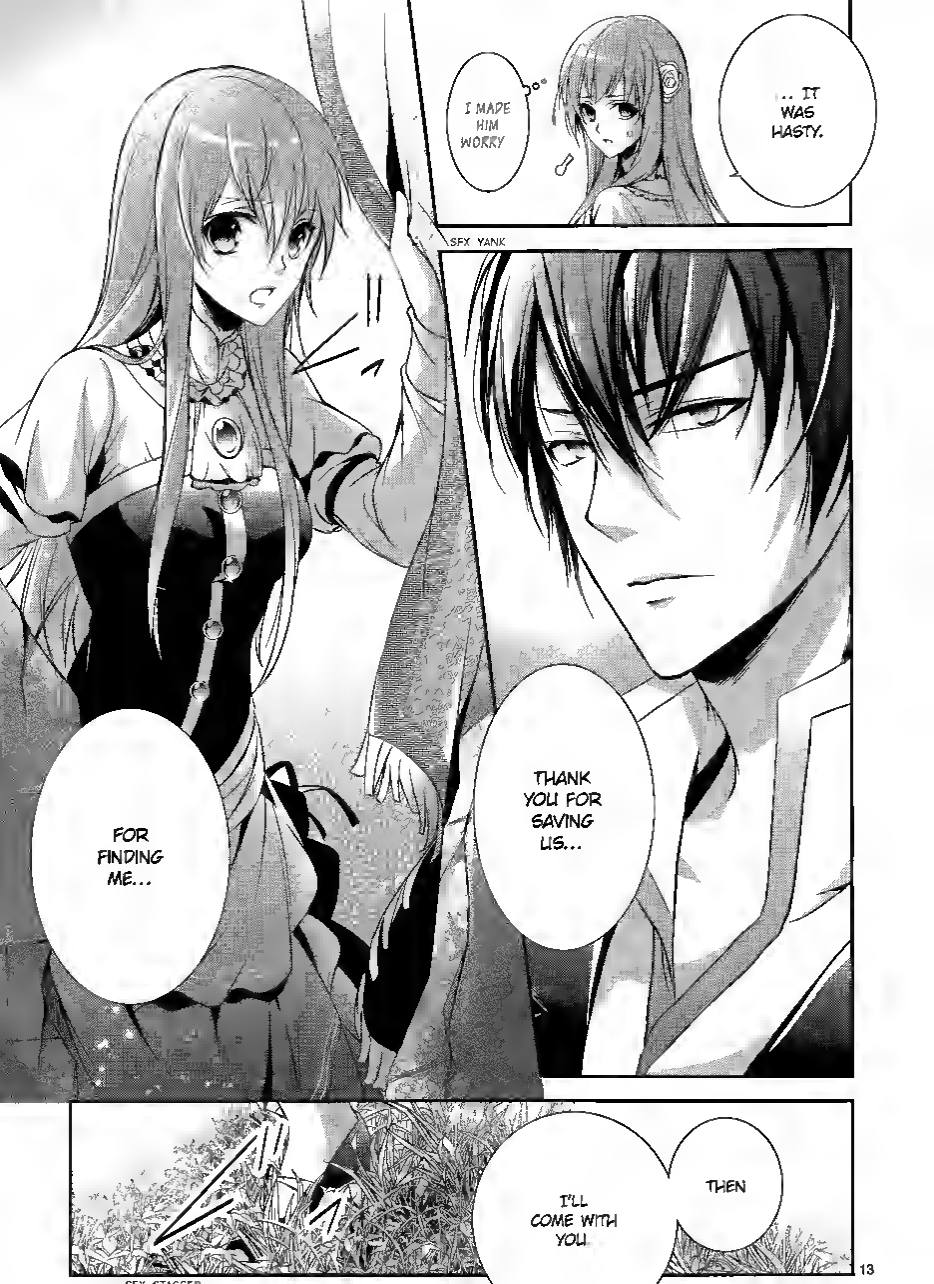
The castle must be in chaos
For even my brother to come here...
SIR KNIGHT.

HE'S THE MAN WHO WANTED TO KILL YOUR MASTER.
I UNDER-STAND YOUR ANGER,
BUT IF YOU KILL THIS MAN NOW,
IT'LL ONLY PUT THE MISTRESS IN A WORSE SITUATION...
.....
PLEASE RESTRAIN YOURSELF
IF YOU DON'T YOU WILL JUST BECOME A HINDRANCE TO HER ..
LEON..
He can feel his thirst for blood so much that he's shaking.
But he's stopping the headless knight—?

I NEED TO HIT YOU.
AT LEAST IT LOOKS LIKE HE DOESN'T FEEL LIKE KILLING HIM FOR NOW
Sigh
SFX (SMALLER) GAH!
SFX WHAM
TCH!
... HEY, YOU COME CLOSER
... EH?
That is the escape route...?
SFX FLOMP
SFX FLINCH
SFX (ABOVE ALBERT) STARE
MISTRESS?
SFX STEP STEP
SFX PULL
ARE YOU ACTING RECKLESSLY AGAIN,


.. IT WAS HASTY.
I MADE HIM WORRY
SFX YANK
THANK YOU FOR SAVING US...
FOR FINDING ME...
THEN
I'LL COME WITH YOU.
SFX STAGGER

SFX: GRAB
AAH!
YOU'RE GOING TO GO IN THAT STATE?
MY LEGS ARE SHAKING AGAIN...
BUT I'M GOING EVEN IF I HAVE TO CRAWL, I'LL GET THERE!
BROTHER IS CAPABLE, BUT HE HAS NO RESISTANCE TO THE CROWN
IF SOMETHING WERE TO HAPPEN ..
LIKE WHAT HAPPENED TO GRANDFATHER
UNTIL I LOSE SOMEONE PRECIOUS..

Pant
THERE ARE FOOT-PRINTS LEADING THERE
BROTHER... WE HAVE TO FIND HIM...
BRO... THER?
... HEY, THERE'S A HUMAN SHADOW OVER THERE
YES! IT'S TRUE!
WE HAVE TO HURRY!
SEX DASH

CHAR ..
LOTTE...?
SFX CLANG
PHEW
SFX SQUEEZE
Ahahaha sorry!
HM? YOU HAVE NO RESISTANCE... WHAT HAPPENED?
BROTHER.
IT HURTS.
WHEN WE GET BACK, I'LL PUNISH EACH AND EVERY ONE... NO, I'LL DO IT NOW!
YOU CAN'T!!
Charlotte!!
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I'm so happy you're ok!! My cute Charlotte!
SPEAKING OF WHICH, ARE THEY STILL ALIVE?
THAT'S A PITY

Bloodstained princess!?
YOU'RE NOW THE BLOOD-STAINED PRINCESS.
SINCE I EMBRACED YOU,
BROTHER... THAT BLOOD SPATTER IS NOT SOMETHING CASUAL.
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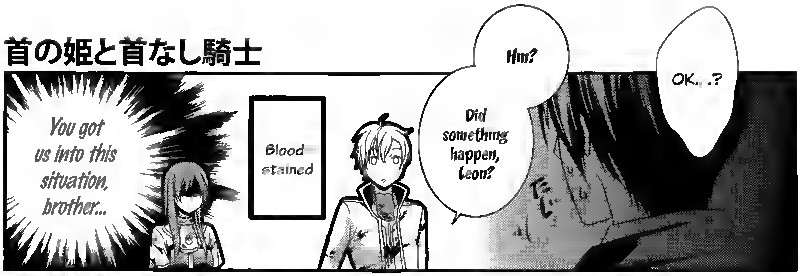
しょり
BROTHER...
THANK YOU FOR SAVING ME
Even though this was originally a hopeless standpoint
THE HEADLESS KNIGHT AND THE BLOODSTAINED PRINCE
SFX STAINED
... IT'S NOTHING..
YOU'RE SAFE, AND THAT'S WHAT MATTERS.
... HEY,
I really am just being saved all the time...
SFX STEP

SFX: TOSS
DON'T LOSE THE CROWN.
SPEAKING OF WHICH, WHERE IS DOUGLAS!?
OVER HERE
AT THIS STATE,
CROWN!?
IT SEEMS HE SUFFERED FROM THE CROWN'S CURSE
YOU DID IT, BROTHER?
YES.
I TOOK DOUGLAS BY SURPRISE
SFX: RIN
SFX: DASH
YOUR HIGH-NESS!
MISTRESS!!
LEON, YOU'RE ALRIGHT!
YES, I AM!
MOST OF ALL, YOUR HIGH-NESS IS...!


You got us into this situation, brother...
Blood stained
Did something happen, Leon?
Hm?
OK...?

SFX SIGH
LEON,
FOR NOW, CAN YOU BIND THE PEOPLE LYING HERE?
YES, SIR.
WELL, THEN ..
THESE MEN'S COMRADES ARE IN A HUT IN THE FOREST
BROTHER,

NOW, YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT HOW WE GOT HERE, RIGHT?
I SEE, IT SEEMS YOU'LL HAVE TO TAKE ME THERE, AS WELL
THAT'S RIGHT..

THE FIRST TO NOTICE SOMETHING WRONG WAS PATRICK.
THERE WERE SLEEPING SOLDIERS IN YOUR ROOM.
HE FOUND THE NOTE YOU LEFT,
AND WENT TO ME TO INFORM ME ABOUT IT.
I SUMMONED THE HEADLESS KNIGHT,
WHO WAS PROTECTING US FROM THE OGRES
WELL,
WHEN THE MESSENGER GOT TO HIM,
IT SEEMS THE OGRES HAD ALREADY BEEN DEFEATED
THEN, NEWS CAME
THAT THERE WAS STRANGE MOVEMENT NEAR THE BORDER

I'LL HAVE TO THANK HIM WHEN I COME BACK...
PATRICK...
WE LEFT THE CASTLE AND TOOK A CART,
AND ONCE WE'D CONFIRMED THE NEWS, WE BEGAN OUR PURSUIT
IF HE HADN'T NOTICED I WAS GONE,
I MIGHT'VE BEEN DEAD BY NOW...
EVERYONE'S STILL UNCONSCIOUS, AND I'VE CRAMMED THEM INTO THE CART.
THANKS FOR THE HARD WORK

As of now, we've caught the perpetrator of this incident...
WELL THEN SHALL WE RETURN. .?
TO OUR BELOVED CASTLE...
SFX: STEP
SO, ONCE AGAIN,
THE CROWN IS IN HER HANDS...

HEEEY...
IS IT ALRIGHT TO SLEEP NOW?
SFX: YAWN
WHEN I WAKE UP, I WON'T FIND OUT
THAT ANYBODY HAS DIED, WILL I?
EEK!
SFX: RUB
I WONDER. I CAN'T MAKE ANY PROMISES
HUMPH
HAVE YOU LEARNED NOW, MISTRESS?
OR WOULD YOU RATHER DIE TRYING TO SEE?
ANNOYED

I DON'T REALLY MAKE LIGHT OF MY LIFE...
IT'S JUST THAT I DON'T LIKE BEING PROTECTED...
SFX: SQUEEZE
LEAVE THE CASTLE, CITY AND COUNTRY ALONE,
AND PROTECT ONLY ME...
WHEN I THINK ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED THIS TIME, I REALIZE I DON'T KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT THIS COUNTRY...
... DO YOU WANT ME TO SAY THAT?

I might not have the greatness or disposition of my grandfather, but...
THIS "ME" COULDN'T BE SELECTED AS KING...
THAT'S WHY I HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO LEARN
LIKE GRANDFATHER,
I LOVE AND WANT TO PROTECT
EACH AND EVERY PERSON IN THIS COUNTRY...

I MADE YOU WORRY...
BUT I'M SORRY FOR HOW THIS TURNED OUT...
SFX ZZZ
... I SEE
THIS FEELING, YOU CALL "WORRY"?
LOTTY...

SFX: RUSTLE
SHE'S NOT THE WEAK GIRL YOU'D THINK SHE WAS
SURPRISINGLY...
I THOUGHT SHE'D CRY, BUT...
EVEN HALFWAY THROUGH THE BURIAL
.....
MY DUTY IS OVER...
Footsteps!?
SFX: STEP STEP
I don't need to stay in this country any longer.
SFX: STEP

SFX: CREAK
Princess Charlotte?
What's she doing here,
so late at night...?
YOU'RE JUST SLEEPING...
RIGHT?

GRAND-FATHER ...!
RIGHT...?
We're not ones to believe in things like miracles.
I, too..
And both she and I are wishing for one...
We still haven't accepted
Joseph Formont's death, have we...?

A WILL? ..HOW CUNNING.
If you're reading this,
then I am probably dead.
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You have no master
With your own eyes, you have grasped the meaning of being a king
SFX: FLOP
...?
A LETTER...?
As you have sworn loyalty to Joseph Formont, I want you to once more swear loyalty to one you think is right.
At that time, stand by them, with the crown
SFX: CRUMPLE

There's nobody who can replace you...
I, TOO, AM HUMAN. I WILL DIE ONE DAY.
BUT I HAVE TOO MANY REGRETS...
THERE ARE MANY THINGS I HAVEN'T YET CONFIRMED
ALBERT,
I WANT TO SEE THIS WORLD BLOOM WITH HOPE AND LOVE
You'll certainly laugh
at such a dreamlike fairy tale.

TO SEE THE FUTURE...
YOU'RE FORCING ME...
IT'S YOUR FINAL WISH...
I DON'T AGREE, BUT I WILL OBEY.
I UNDER-STAND, MY LORD.

Nothing that happened was reported.
Oh... I fell asleep...
ARE YOU AWAKE?
THERE'S STILL A WHILE UNTIL WE REACH THE CASTLE
For now, about the selection of the king and the national treasury..
SLEEP A LITTLE MORE
There's so many things I have to do, but...
Just this moment...

in the warmth
of the black knight...
THANK YOU FOR READING. LOOK FORWARD TO AOZAKI RITSU SENSEI'S NEXT WORK!
おわり ★ The END.

HELP!

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